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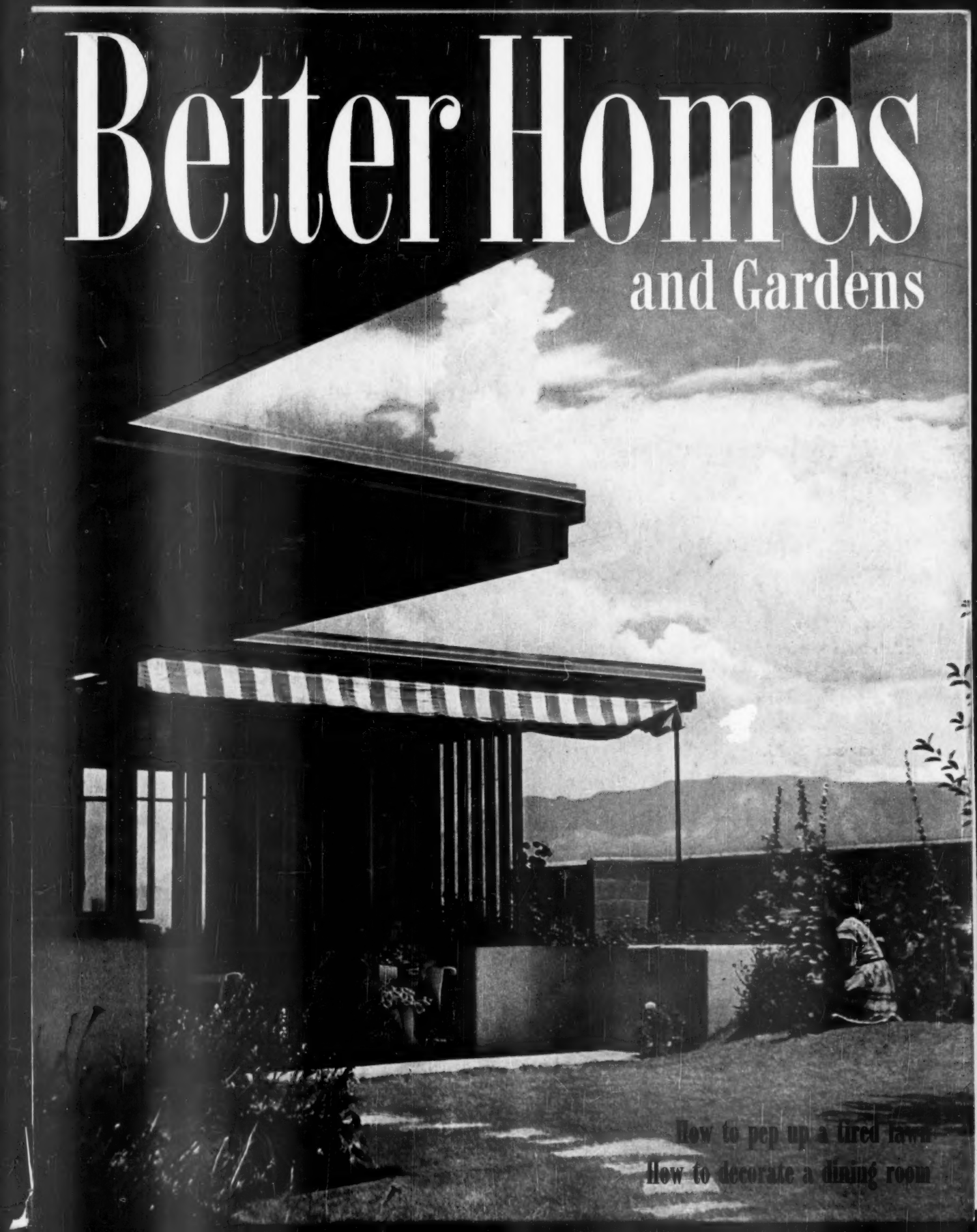

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Will fuel be short again this winter?

LAST winter, fuel was short in many communities. Will history repeat this year?

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Even without fuel shortages, of course, it makes good sense to burn as little fuel as you can without being uncomfortable. In the October issue of *Better Homes & Gardens*, you'll learn how to get the most heat for your fuel dollar.

But here is a report on how available fuel for home heating will be during the coming winter.

Coal

If you are now heating with coal, you'll be wise to continue doing so during the coming winter. Coal will be the most available fuel in much of the country.

There are vast amounts of coal waiting to be mined, and facilities for distribution are adequate.

To be sure, that does not mean you can have absolute confidence in its availability all winter. But the only imponderable is the possibility of a miners' strike. Generally coal strikes occur during the summer, and they have proved manageable before a crisis for the homeowner was reached.

Natural or manufactured gas

In some areas—the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states, and the Northeast—natural or manufactured gas is fairly abundant, and will be as available as coal.

In other areas, especially northern states of the Midwest, the natural gas supply is tight (manufactured gas is usually not available). You're safe if you already have gas heat. But most companies in shortage areas aren't accepting new customers. In case of a squeeze, gas companies will reduce the use of industrial gas to make it available for homes.

There is plenty of gas in the United States. But the industry has not been able to get enough steel pipe for transmission lines to provide a comfortable margin over expected demand. The biggest imponderable is the weather. A severe cold spell, with the high demand, could cause a pinch.

Within the next two years or so, as new transmission lines are completed, the heating-gas supply should become adequate in every area of the country.

Fuel oil

If your home is heated with fuel oil, you can be reasonably sure of getting thru the winter with less worry than last. Production is up nearly 50 percent over prewar. Many transportation shortages, one of the main causes of last winter's crisis, have been overcome.

But the supply is just barely keeping pace with demand. In case of a sudden military crisis, or even a congressional decision to stockpile oil for possible war, the situation would change. Return to rationing would be nearly inevitable.

Even if the world calms down, it may take three years to bring output and need into a comfortable, easy balance. You can help speed that day by a voluntary effort to be moderate in your use of fuel oil.

Next month: How to get the most heat for your money.

Patricia Wolcott's smile wins leading role in Little Theater play—

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Patricia Wolcott, Young Matron, made Little Theater history in Scarsdale, N. Y., recently when she was awarded the leading role in the Fort Hill Players' production, "Years Ago." A newcomer to the amateur stage, she stole the show during tryouts for the part of the beautiful heroine . . . and her subsequent performance won the acclaim of the community. But Patricia's favorite role is wife and mother. She's married to her high school sweetheart . . . has a two year old daughter. Patricia's smile, so dazzling behind the footlights, is sparkling in real life, too. It's a Pepsodent Smile! "I've always depended on Pepsodent Tooth Paste to keep my teeth bright," she says. "Besides, I love its taste!"

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By Betty Heisser

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Wiped his nose and bemoaned each bruise,

Fastened the buttons he couldn't reach
And built sand castles on the beach?

Taught him to count on his 10 pink toes,
Listened with care to his little-boy woes,

Plied him with spinach as part of a game,
Guided his hand as he printed his name,

Spanked his bottom and dried his tears,
Scolded and cuddled and calmed his fears,

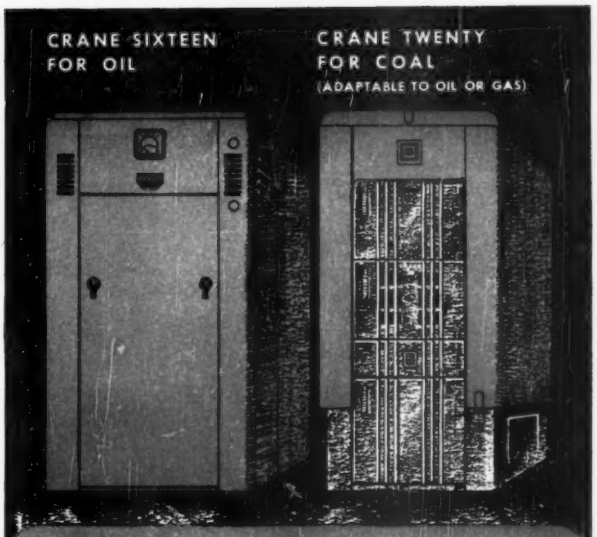
Tried to explain why the stars twinkled?
(No wonder my brow is perpetually wrinkled!)

Was that yesterday? Why, how Time flies!
Today he's a scholar and worldly-wise;

He's not much amused at the jokes we make
And scorns Santa Claus as a silly old fake,

Scoffs at the once-loved Easter rabbit
And terms good-night kisses a babyish habit;

For now he's grown up and so utterly cool . . .
Today, you see, he started to school.



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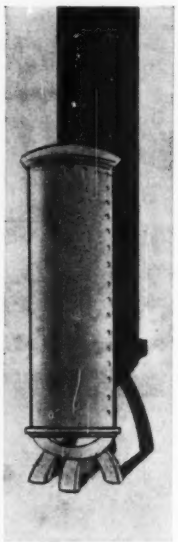

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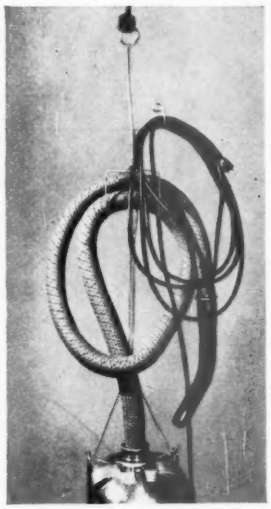
It's NEWS to Me!

By Gretchen King



A holder for your tank-type vacuum cleaner lets you hang it on the closet wall without removing the hose. Support for the hose is wide enough to prevent flattening of the tube. A hook near the top of the holder holds the cord. The curved runners of the cleaner slip over the curved ends at the bottom. Of nickel-plated steel wire, the *Vacuum Cleaner Support* is $2.79, ppd. Vacuum Cleaner Support Mfg. Co., 424 Warden Bldg , Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Wallpaper chart (not pictured) tells you just how much paper you need for almost any sized room. The various sizes are arranged for quick finding on the chart, then further broken down for number of openings. If you've forgotten how to figure wallpaper, you'll enjoy having it done for you. *Wallpaper Estimating Chart*, $1, ppd. Hampshire Decorating Co., 625 38th Street, Des Moines 12, Iowa.

Beautycan adds a spot of bright color to your kitchen while serving as efficient waste receptacle. The baked enamel finishes gleam in red, blue, green, yellow, black, white, or ivory. Lid is mirrorlike polished aluminum. The 14-quart model has insert of all aluminum; inserts in 12- and 17-quart sizes are aluminized steel, highly rust-resistant. Rubber covered handle on insert quiets clatter of lowered lid. All edges are rolled to prevent dirt from collecting, and no particles can slip between can and insert pail. Prices on *Beautycans* start at about $4, in stores only. Lincoln Metal Products Corporation, 136 Clifton Pl., Brooklyn 5, New York.

Rubber cushion for your hammer transforms it into a rubber mallet. Whether you have furniture or floors to repair or dents to pound out of fenders, *Sof-Sok* on ball pein or claw hammer delivers the full impact without marring or chipping. And there's no rebound to tire your arm muscles. *Sof-Sok* of hard rubber is 25c, ppd. Mid-West Sales Corp., P. O. Box 1324, Des Moines, Iowa.

Baby gate fits across doorways to protect the precious tot from danger. There are no horizontal strips to give a toe hold for climbing over. V-shaped metal forks, covered with rubber, fit around door casing to hold the gate. Can be moved from one doorway to another at a moment's notice. Gate is 25" high, adjusts to fit openings from 26" up to 39" wide. Of hardwood in pink, blue, white, or natural wood finish. *Terry-Gate* is $4.95, in stores or ppd. Terry Manufacturing Company, 1528 Franklin St., Santa Monica, California.

Ease for knees is insured by this well-cushioned kneeling pad. Ball-bearing coasters move you from place to place. Padded leatherette top is 14"x10", plenty of room for knees while you're scrubbing or refinishing floors, washing baseboards, or doing anything that calls for kneeling. Watch the kids, tho—they'll be scooting all over the place on it! *Easy-Knees Rollerpad*, $1.59, ppd. Miles Kimball Company, 25 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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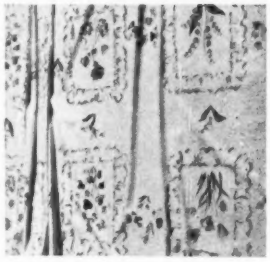

Singer vacuum cleaner is streamlined for efficiency. Cleaner handle lowers to clean under low furniture or hang flush against the closet wall. Casing is 5" high. Cord pulls out of handle for use; rewinds itself when you press a button. On the handle grip are buttons to wind cord, lower or raise handle, and to turn motor to high or low speed and off. Midway carrying handle balances 17½ lb. cleaner evenly. A light is placed low in the resilient Vinylite bumper. *Singer Vacuum Cleaner, Model S-2*, is $81.80 at Singer Sewing Centers. Singer Sewing Machine Co., 149 Broadway, New York, New York.

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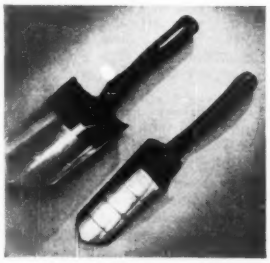

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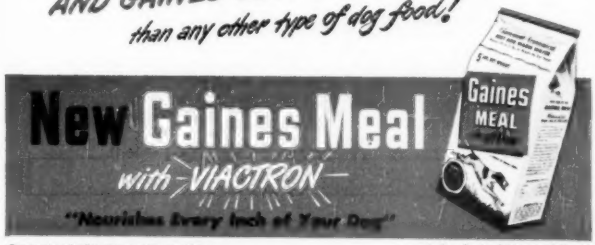

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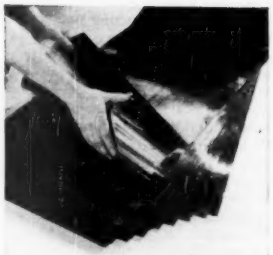
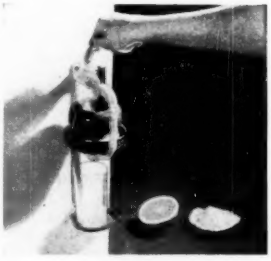


Copper sheets for home flashing jobs are available in 4-foot lengths. Even the smallest homes can have valleys and wall joints flashed in nonrustable, long-lived copper. Each sheet is 18" wide, can be cut into narrower width for other details. Sheets are pliable and easy to handle. In addition to home-building, sheets may be used by the hobbyist for making copper boxes, baskets, and jewelry. *Home Flashing System*, 10 sheets with 200 bronze nails, and directions for use, $19.95, at dealers. Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York, New York.

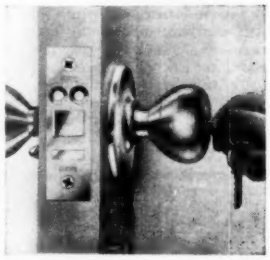
Stowaway trailer rides smoothly behind the car on one rubber-tired wheel, backs like part of the car itself. When the trailer is not in use, it can be collapsed small enough to fit into the trunk. Tubular aluminum frame is covered with waterproofed canvas; will carry 400 lbs. but weighs only 50 lbs. itself. Hitches installed on rear bumper cannot accidentally release trailer. *Towpac Trailer*, in stores or exp. coll., $79.50. Cover available at $12. McCulloch Motors Corporation, 6101 W. Century, Los Angeles 45, California.

Refrigerator bottles for storing liquids are square to save space. Each bottle holds a full quart and is labeled Fruit Juice, Iced Tea, Tomato Juice, Ice Water. Stipple finish of the glass gives a nonslip grip. Each container is topped with an aluminum screw cap for air-tight freshness of contents. Set of 4 bottles, $1, ppd. George W. Peck Co., Elmira, New York.

Window shades for a nursery have charming circus decorations with clowns and elephants and other circus stars romping across the surface. Material is washable and lightproof; color combinations are pastel rose and blue, rose and chartreuse, and blue and chartreuse, all on white. At dealers, these shades are about $8 for an average 3'x6' window. The Columbia Mills, Inc., 225 Fifth Ave., New York 10, New York.



Fruit juicer squeezes oranges, limes, or lemons by turning the rind inside out to extract every bit of juice. Seeds and pulp are strained out before the juice runs into the glass. Juicer and metal tray that holds the glass are fastened to a metal strip to be mounted on the kitchen wall. Juicer (glass not included), $1.95, ppd. Randall Sales Co., 417 E. Sixth St., Des Moines, Iowa.



Outside door lock is now designed for home use after proving its worth on office doors for years. Keyhole is in the center of the knob; a quarter turn of the key releases both latch and bolt so one hand opens door. Precision mechanism within, *Sargent Integralocks* are furnished in several finishes. At dealers, $18. Sargent & Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

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THE CLOCK THAT SAYS A *Warm* GOOD MORNING

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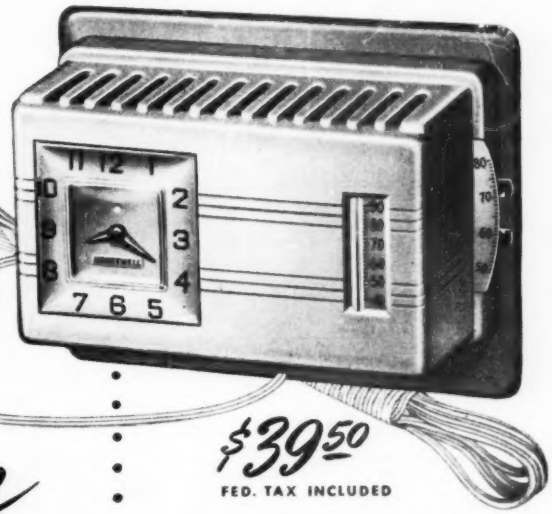

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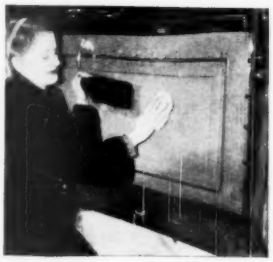
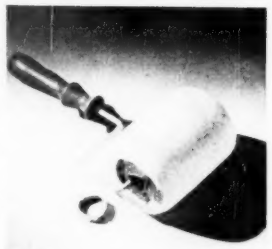
Door control is accomplished by this little spring metal widget that bends in a limber fashion to slip under any door. Two solid rubber, ridged cylinders grip the floor so the strongest draft can't move the door. Yet the stop easily slides out when you want to move it. *Jay-Way Door Stop*, $1, ppd. Robert W. Kellogg Company, 80 Hillman St., Springfield 2, Massachusetts.

Door cover of transparent plastic film protects the door upholstery of your car from dirt and wear. Grease and dirt wipe off with a damp cloth and the upholstery stays clean and bright. Instructions are included for installing the covers so snugly that they're unnoticeable. Made to fit any car door, prices on *Protect-O-Door* covers start at $7, each, at car dealers or write to factory and describe your car, its make, model, and year. A. N. McCreight, DuBois, Pennsylvania.



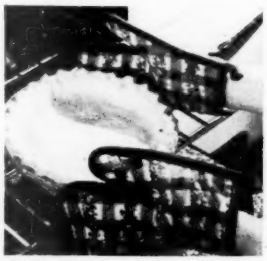
Adjustable ironing board lets you iron at the most comfortable level. If you prefer to sit down to iron, table lowers to 25". Four other heights, 29", 31", 33", and 34½", make it possible for you to find the right height for your own comfort. Table is rigidly locked at desired height. Hinged rubber toe plate on center leg prevents board from slipping. Frame is all steel; top, 54" long, is seasoned pine reinforced beneath with strips of steel. *Rite-Hite Ironing Table*, $12.95, exp. coll. Rite Products, 213 W. Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Paint roller distributes paint evenly and rapidly. Roll is a metal container into which you pour the paint. The container is perforated to allow paint to soak the woolen sleeve thoroly for a smooth finish on walls or floors. Sleeve is held in place with elastic and is replaceable. The roller will dispense oil paints or enamels. *T-Rol*, $3.49, in stores or ppd. Additional sleeve, $1. Paxtrol Mfg. Co., 614 Stephenson Bldg., Detroit 2, Michigan.



Pruning shears of fine British steel are razor-sharp, cut heavy twigs or lighter sprouts clean and quick, without tearing the plant. The curved parrot-beak design keeps the branch from slipping out of place as the blades close. Thumb latch at end of handles holds the pruner closed when not in use. *Wilkinson Crown Model Pruning Shears*, $6.25, ppd. Stumpp and Walter, 132 Church St., New York 8, New York.

Protection against burns. Mitts of bright cotton cloth are heavily padded, back and front, to give all-over protection from heat. Mitts are interchangeable for either hand. For use at stove or oven, at picnic or outdoor barbecue—anywhere that heat is a hazard. In a variety of colors, *Miracle Mits* are 69c a pair in stores. The Edlen Herman Co., 2440 N. Coral St., Philadelphia 25, Pennsylvania.



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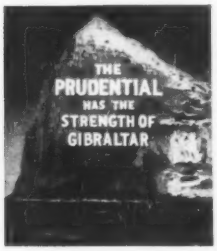

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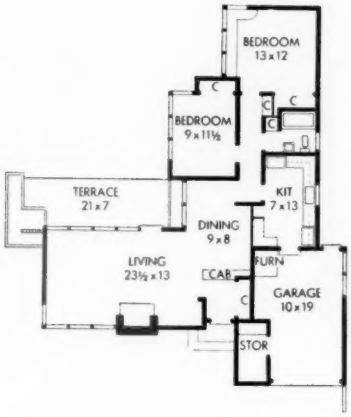

THE home you see on the cover of this issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* sits atop a gentle slope in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is the home of Mrs. H. T. Anderson, and was designed by Charles Edman, Jr., of Lubbock, Texas.

Tho it contains only a thousand square feet of floor space, the house gives the appearance of being much larger than it is. The jogging plan, large expanses of glass and a generous roof overhang create the impression of size.

These roof extensions have several purposes. They are deep enough so that windows can be left open for ventilation during rainstorms without danger of soaking furnishings. This same depth protects rooms from the heat and glare of the summer sun, but lets in the winter sun. The house inside is 5 to 10 degrees cooler in summer than similar houses without the overhang.

The distant view of the Sandias mountain range is framed by the eave line. Soffits (undersides) of the eaves are continued inside the house as ceilings. Different soffit heights result in varying ceiling heights. The ceiling in the living room, for instance, is higher than the ceiling over the bedroom wing. Where the two ceilings overlap, the space between is used for natural cove lighting, thus creating the same psychological effect of size inside that you get from the overhangs outside. All rooms except the kitchen and bath have cove lighting, which gives sufficient and pleasant general light without glare. In the bedrooms lights are built into coves above the wardrobe closets.

Separation of living, work, and sleeping areas was carefully worked out. The wall at the dining end of the bedroom hallway shields the kitchen door from the living room. It can be left open for cross ventilation without disrupting kitchen privacy.

The feeling of openness dispels the oppression you often feel in houses with large wall areas and small windows. Even the smallest room seems large. By purposely decreasing the size of some areas (bedrooms, for instance) to a bare minimum, Designer Edman saved space which was used to greater advantage thruout the rest of the house.

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Preparation: Preheat oven at 425°.

Flour bread board *so lightly* that the board shows through. Grease cooky or baking sheet.

Ingredients: (Use standard, level measures)

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
  - Be sure to sift flour before measuring.
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- ⅓ cup Swift'ning
- ⅓ cup broken pecan meats
- ½ cup milk
- 1 egg

Sift dry ingredients together; cut in Swift'ning with pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture is the consistency of cornmeal. Add nuts. Combine milk and slightly beaten egg. Add to flour mixture all at once while stirring with a fork.

Turn dough onto lightly floured board and knead *gently* two or three times. Roll dough ½" thick; cut into 3" rounds with floured cutter.

Lightly tap cutter to dislodge any extra flour before cutting.

Knead dough *trimmings* together and roll out and cut as above until dough is all used. Place 2 rounds together on prepared baking sheet. Bake about 15 minutes. Serve with sweetened peaches and whipping cream between and on top of biscuits. Top with pecan halves.

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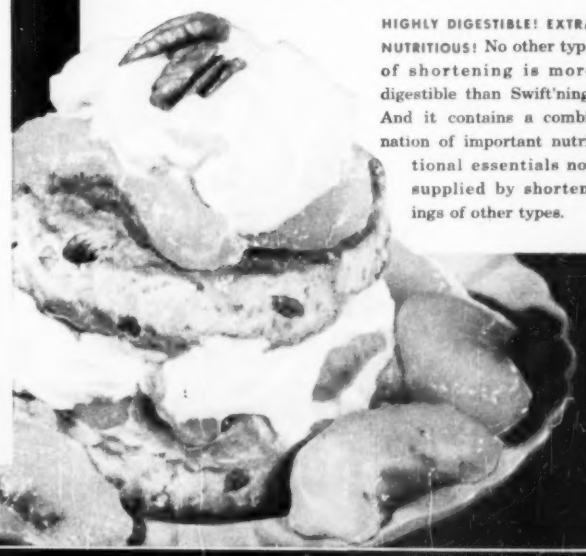

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Advance Showing

Draperies and spreads that match

By Helen Stark

IT'S easier for you to get that professional touch in home decorating when draperies and bedspreads match. Matching ready-made sets are now available in stores. These sets come in many colors and designs. Both the spreads and draperies are cotton, washable, color fast, and wrinkle-resistant. So they're easy to use at home and handy for a college man's or a woman's room. Here are two of the latest patterns.

Pretty and feminine, matching curtains and bedspreads perk up the color scheme in a girl's room. They come in rose with brown dot, blue with wine, green with blue, slate with brown, and tan with green

Photographs: William F. Howland

Masculine and tailored, this matching bedroom set can take abuse. And its tan background defies dirt. The pattern is green with white and navy, blue with white and wine, or red with white and black

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You can make your Beautyrest beds even more luxurious with beautiful new Simmons Decorator Headboards, shown above.

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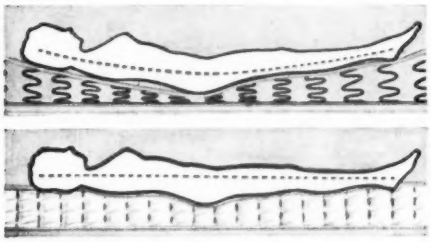
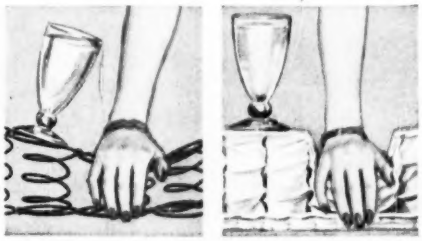
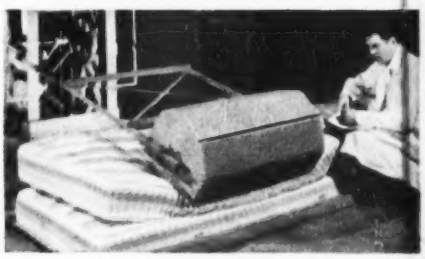


2. The reason why: Above, see how an *ordinary* inner-spring mattress can sag beneath you, make *hollows* that rob you of your rest. But, below, see how Beautyrest's 837 coil springs "give" only in the right places. Offer *firmer, more natural* support!



3. More proof! Left, see how wired-together springs in *ordinary* mattresses sag down together under pressure, tip the water glass! But, right, see how Beautyrest's *individually pocketed* springs act without tipping the glass!



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How to tie your house to the ground

Five ways to plant when the house front looks too high, seems bare at the ground

By Frederick Lang
Landscape Architect

Problem: High house too close to street. Bank left when old porch was removed.

Drawings by Harrie Wood

We suggest:

Shrubs: thornless barberry or Somerset daphne or boxwood.
Trees: flowering crabapple or dogwood.
Groundcover on bank: creeping euonymus or dwarf Japanese yew.
Hedge: upright yew or Mentor barberry or Ibota privet.

What's good about it?

1. Evergreen groundcover gives a trim, clean look to the foundation.
2. No longer necessary to clip shrubs constantly.
3. Hedge at left gives privacy to the family.

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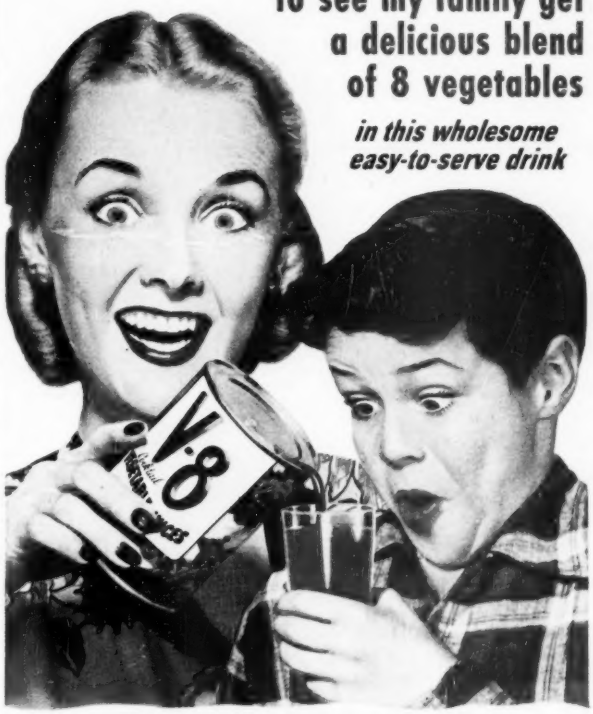

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How to tie your house to the ground—II

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Problem:

Evergreens have outgrown scale of house.
Lot slopes steeply to left.

We suggest:

Foundation: snowhill hydrangea or Pfitzer junipers or red-leaf barberry.
Shade trees: green ash or scarlet oak.
Foreground tree: double-flowered plum or Sargent crab-apple.
Foreground shrubs: forsythia or Anthony Waterer spirea.
Vine: wisteria or trumpet-creeper.

What's good about it?

1. Scale restored by low plants in front, trees at both ends of house.
2. Front yard now seems level.
3. Vine dresses up roof line on porch.
4. Steppingstone path to garage replaced by concrete strip, making walking safer at night and when ice coats the path. Reserve steppingstones for paths not in daily heavy use.

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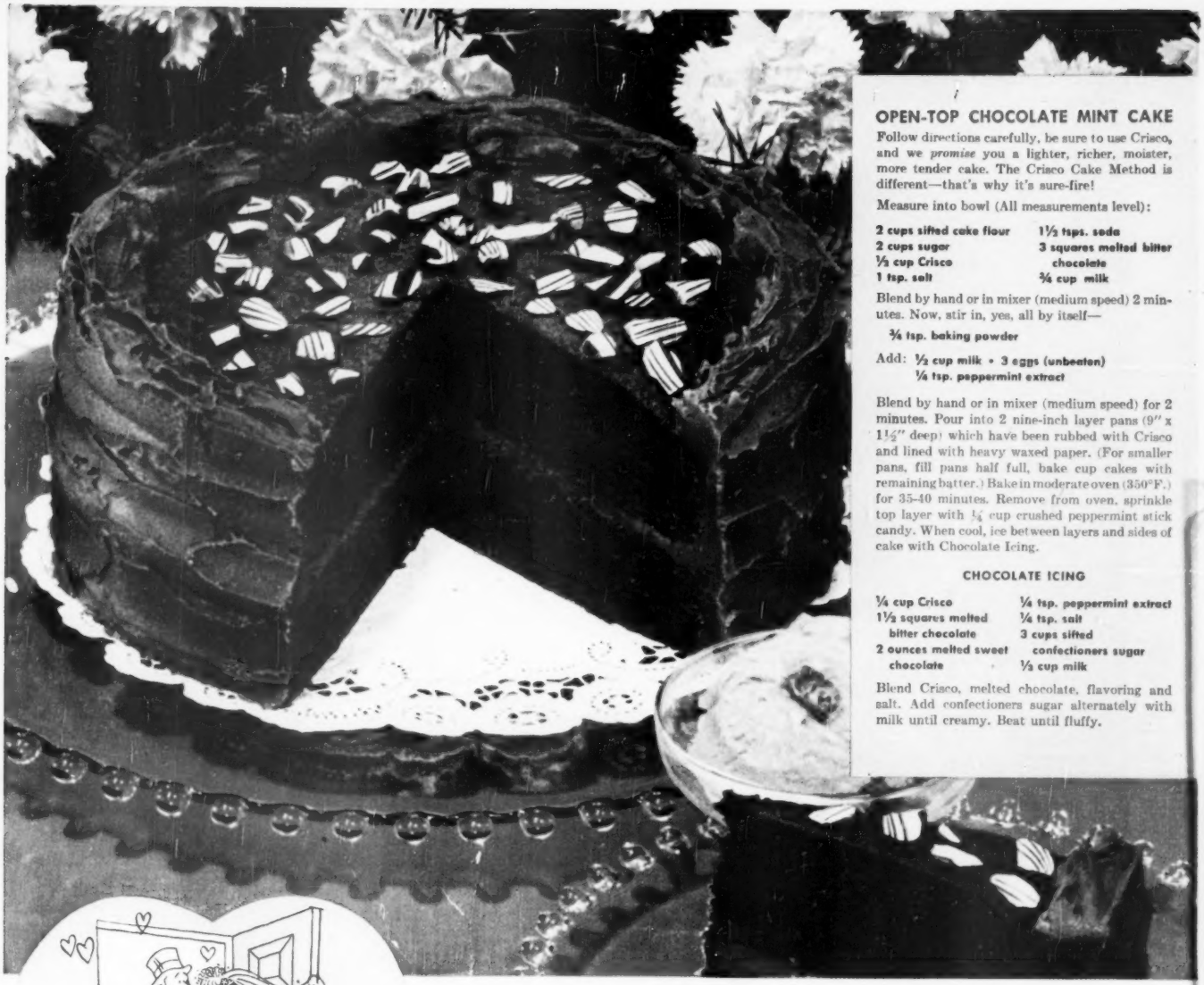

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¾ tsp. baking powder

Add: **½ cup milk • 3 eggs (unbeaten)**
¼ tsp. peppermint extract

Blend by hand or in mixer (medium speed) for 2 minutes. Pour into 2 nine-inch layer pans (9" x 1½" deep) which have been rubbed with Crisco and lined with heavy waxed paper. (For smaller pans, fill pans half full, bake cup cakes with remaining batter.) Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) for 35-40 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle top layer with ¼ cup crushed peppermint stick candy. When cool, ice between layers and sides of cake with Chocolate Icing.

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¼ tsp. peppermint extract
¼ tsp. salt
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⅓ cup milk

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How to tie your house to the ground—III

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Problem:

Bank too steep to mow; spruce trees will soon engulf house unless they are trimmed heavily each year.

We suggest:

Shade trees: pin oak.
Lawn trees: Mayday tree or cornelian cherry.
Vine: Jackman clematis or trumpet-creeper.
Foundation shrubs: dwarf euonymus or hypericum.
Groundcover on slope: Pfitzer juniper or dwarf barberry or creeping cotoneaster.

What's good about it?

1. Eliminates need for mowing bank at much less cost than building a stone wall.
2. Vine makes doorway look more friendly and adds color needed because of color contrast of blinds.
3. Tree at left gives privacy to balcony without dwarfing the house.
4. Foundation shrubs are in a line that makes house look wider.
5. Definite break where groundcover meets lawn grass helps make house look level from the driveway.

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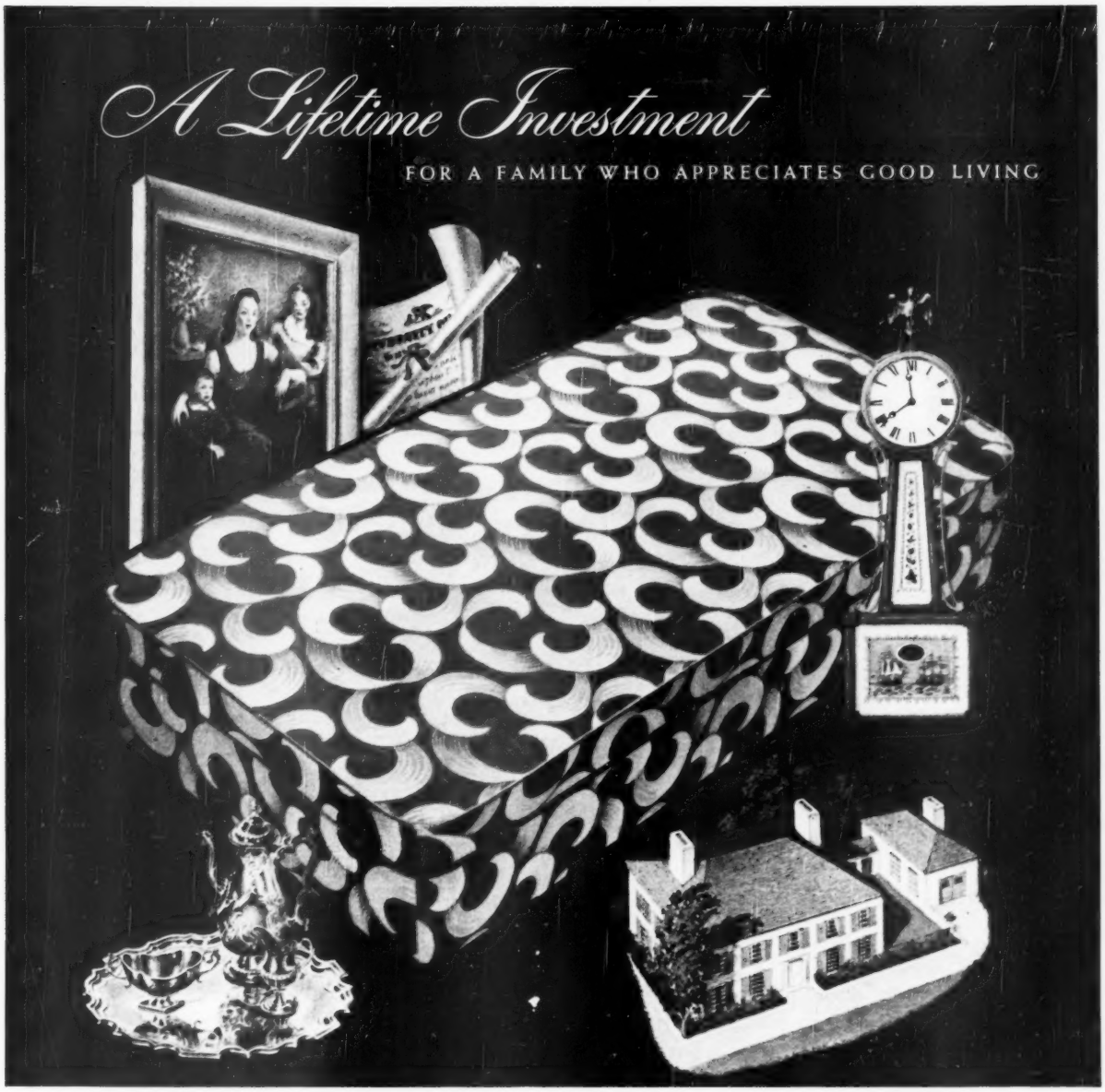

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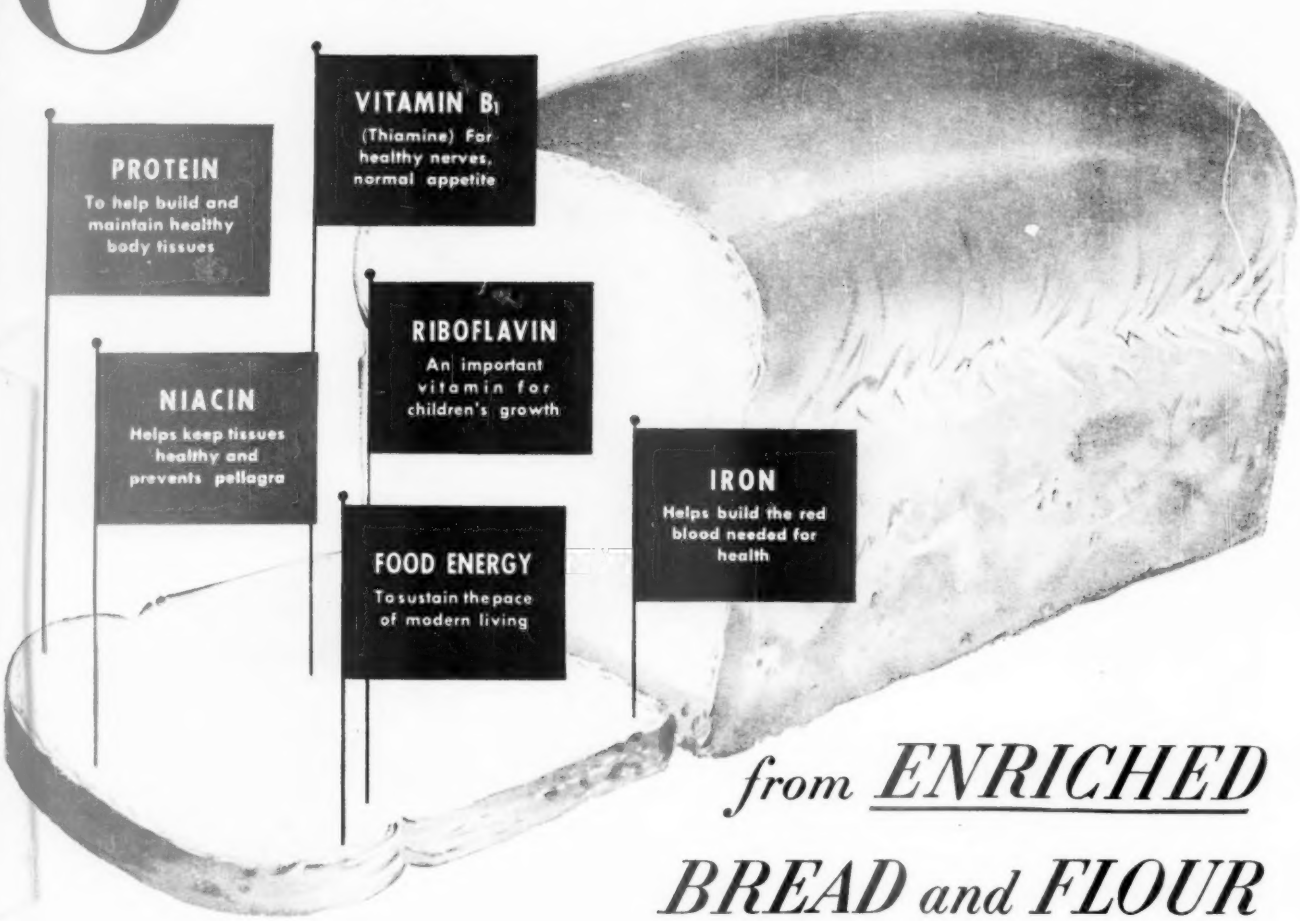

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Bedtime without bedlam

No need for bluff and threat and tears if you work out a "retirement plan" for those under 10

By Josephine Poynter

IS BEDTIME at your house the signal for protests and tantrums? It needn't be.

Here's the secret of a low-pressure lullaby that avoids the arguments so often produced by nagging reminders that it's time for bed.

1. Make up your mind when it's bedtime.

You can't leave it to Billy to decide when it's time for bed. Don't be fooled into thinking that he isn't tired because he's tearing around the house, singing and shouting. He is probably overtired—too stimulated to sleep, but badly in need of rest. It is your job to determine the proper bedtime and then help him accept your decision.

2. Help him realize that the day is over—that all good things must come to an end.

A story, a drink of water, a good-night kiss, and all the other requests that a young mind devises to prolong the day, should be granted according to a plan. A routine helps avoid the arguments so often produced by verbal, abrupt reminders of approaching bedtime.

3. Don't betray the fact that you're tired out.

You're likely to be pretty tired yourself this time of day. Billy, probably just as tired but refusing to give in, is still going strong. Plan a routine in advance, when your mind is in better shape to cope with the problem, and you'll promote a restful atmosphere for you as well as for Billy.

4. Avoid scoldings and threats of punishment.

If you give way to threats, you will have to get yourself back under control before you can be much help to Billy. Get a drink of water, calm down, suggest a story. Show by your behavior that it is possible to bury the hatchet and be friendly again. All this, unfortunately, takes longer than doing things right the first time.

5. Don't let him stall.

If Billy protests, he should be picked up and helped along the path to bed if, and this is a big *if*, you can do it without showing annoyance. If your voice or actions betray tension, he'll find it harder to relax.

6. Give Billy the reassurance and understanding he needs.

Perhaps there's some problem bothering him—that keeps him from going to sleep. What made him bite his pal at nursery school? Or maybe he wants to talk about that big machine that rumbled by and scared him when he was playing in the yard. Perhaps he wants you to comment on the fact that he said "Thank you" to Aunt Jane.

These, and all the other events which made up Billy's day, are major experiences in his life. He needs your opinion in order to sort them out and learn from them. When he has received the praise, censure, or explanations that he needs, he will be satisfied.

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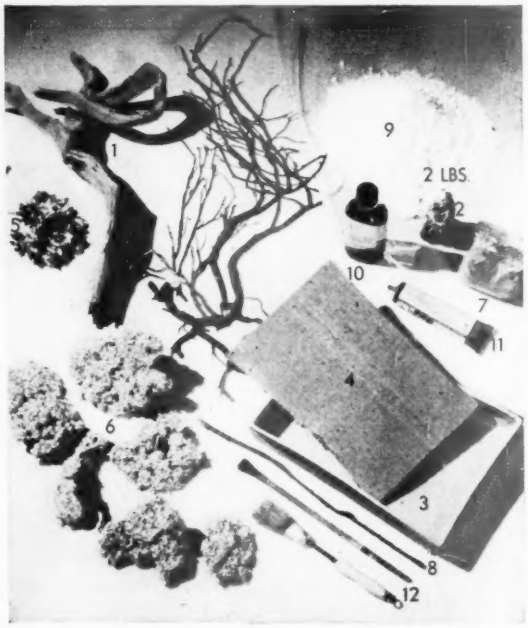
How to make a Ming tree

By Fae Huttenlocher

ORIENTAL Ming trees have become so popular as home and table decorations that we've asked a flower master, Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, to show you how they're made.

These dramatic tree forms, like the finished one below, are reproductions of the priceless dwarfed trees grown by the Orientals. These growing trees are hundreds and thousands of years old and are handed down for generations. Because the reproductions were used widely during the Ming dynasty centuries ago, they have come to be known as Ming trees. To Orientals, Ming trees symbolize long life and strength of character.

Ming trees are expensive when you buy them ready-made. Prices range from $10 up into the hundreds, depending on the size of the tree. But if you follow this step-by-step outline, you can make one yourself out of branches and twigs that you may be able to find in your own yard.

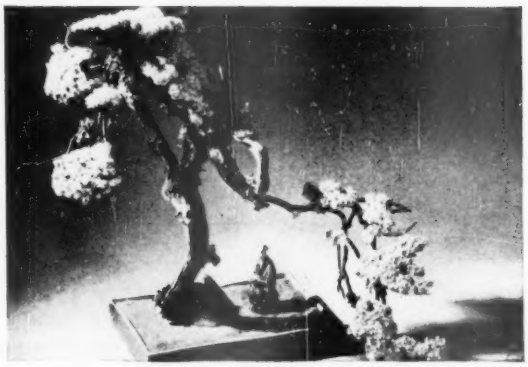


Gather all your materials for the Ming tree before you start. You'll need (1) three dried, gnarled branches—cedar, hawthorn, or Manzanita are good; (2) a figurine; (3) a flat bowl—this one is 10 by 7 inches; (4) cardboard cut to fit closely inside the bowl.

If you can't find mosses and sand around your home, get them from the local florist. You'll need (5) lichens—flat gray mosslike growth from tree trunks and rocks; (6) eriogonum—dried cypress or moss clusters; (7) colored or natural sand and a rock; (8) fine florist's wire.

At the hardware store buy (9) two pounds of plaster of paris; (10) 25-cent bottle of fixative; (11) linoleum cement glue; (12) medium-size paintbrush, and a pastry brush.

You'll also need a bowl for mixing plaster of paris (we used a large glass measuring cup that washes out easily after it's been used); spatula for smoothing out the plaster; sharp knife to smooth or scrape off bumps on branches so they fit together smoothly; scissors to trim branches; pliers to cut and bend wire.



Here's the finished Ming tree that we describe in the step-by-step pictures on the following pages. It will make a dramatic room decoration—whatever colors or furniture styles you have in your home. Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto made this tree of three gnarled branches; the trunk is 13 inches; the long twig branch is 16 inches; the short twig branch is 7 inches.

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- Salt and pepper
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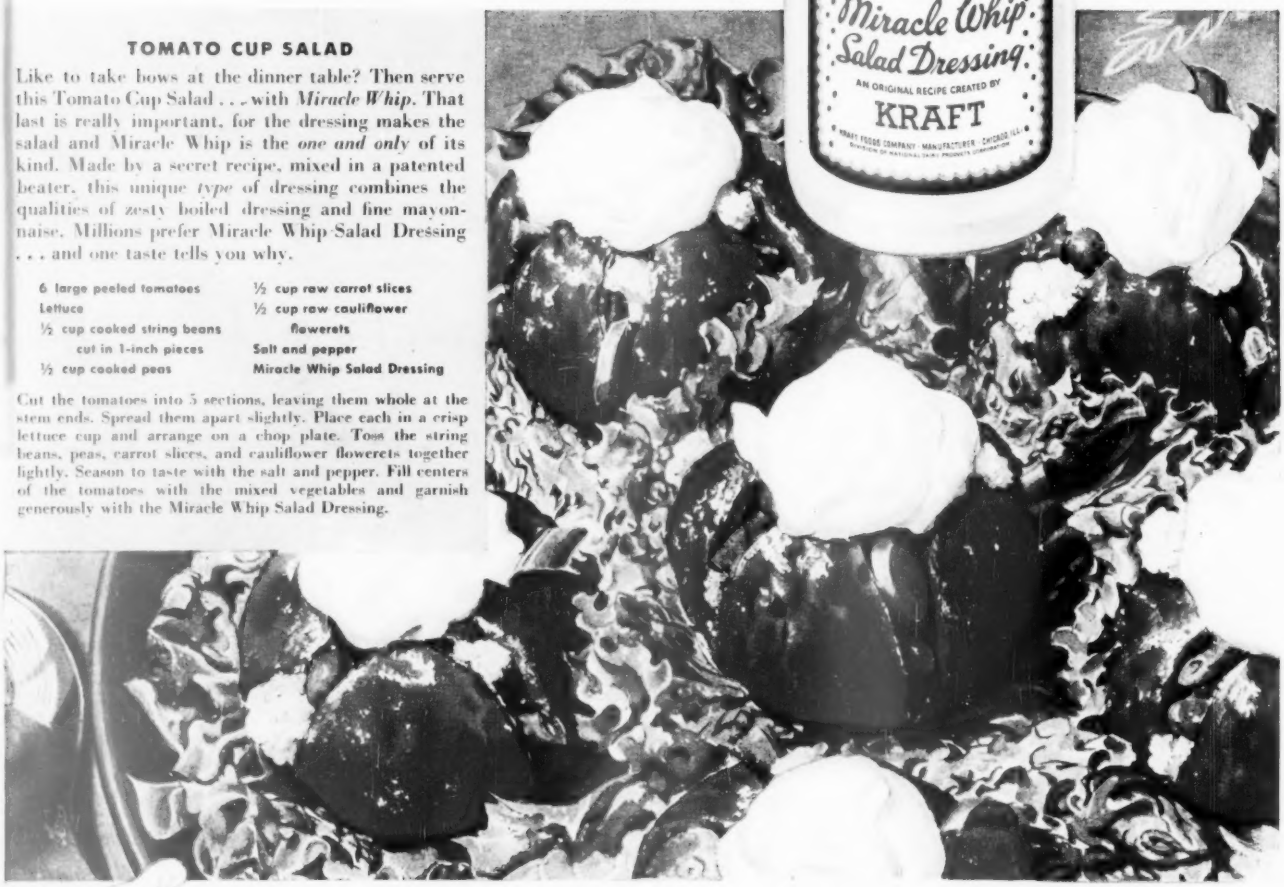
Cut the tomatoes into 5 sections, leaving them whole at the stem ends. Spread them apart slightly. Place each in a crisp lettuce cup and arrange on a chop plate. Toss the string beans, peas, carrot slices, and cauliflower flowerets together lightly. Season to taste with the salt and pepper. Fill centers of the tomatoes with the mixed vegetables and garnish generously with the Miracle Whip Salad Dressing.



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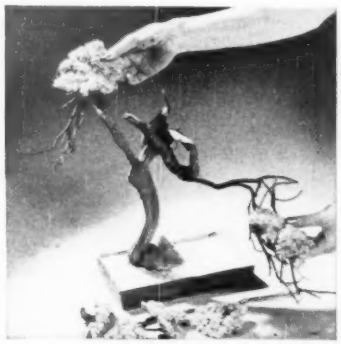
1 Place cardboard in bottom of bowl. Adjust large branch that is to serve as trunk of tree—at a slanting angle to look like an old windswept tree. Cut hole in cardboard to help hold branch firm as you pour the plaster of paris around it. Place stone at base of branch to help balance branch and give it a stable, natural look. Mix 2 pounds plaster of paris with enough water to make very thick paste. Quickly fill bowl with the plaster and smooth with spatula. Allow 5 minutes to harden

2 Glue small twig branches onto top of trunk to give it a more treelike effect. Try twigged branches in various positions to get most natural effect before cementing them onto the main branch. You may need to wire twigs to trunk until cement has thoroly set, then remove wire. Use plenty of cement. You can cover the joints later with pieces of bark or lichens

3 To get the high and low dramatic, windswept effect, wire a second twig branch at right angles to the top twig branch. Each one points to opposite corners of the bowl. One strand of wire twisted tight holds twig while cement hardens



4 Try the moss clusters in various positions before cementing them onto the twig branches. Dried yarrow or smartweed heads can be substituted for the moss clusters, altho the latter are more substantial and natural looking. Mix small, medium, and large clusters for the most natural effects

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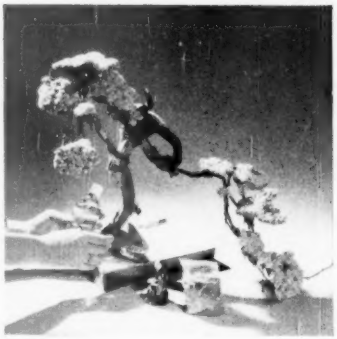
5 After moss clusters are cemented onto the branch tips, cover joints, wire, and glue spots with flakes of gray lichens. If you cannot find the lichens in a woodland or at your florist's, use bits of thin, mossy bark. Lichens help to give the Ming tree an old weathered look. They also add to its color and texture interest. A touch of glue will hold the lichens firmly in place

6 Brush fixative over your plaster-of-paris base. Before it dries pour a layer of sand over it. Get colored sand, or use natural sand which has been dyed. Wash your fixative brush thoroly in hot soapy water as soon as you have finished using it. Place the figurine in position. Clean plaster or sand from the tree and snap off any extra branchlets. When you get tired of the tree, loosen plaster by soaking it in warm water, then remove tree and base from bowl



7 This is a winter version of the Ming tree. Plaster of paris slopes to a snowlike mound around the tree, helping to support it. After brushing the ground and moss with fixative, white flour is dusted over the tree for that snowlike effect

8 If your main branch is very gnarled and you wish a cherry-blossom tree you can add several extra twig branches as in this picture. Use green sand at the base of this Ming tree and tint your moss to a pale pink

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Use color— it will make your old house look new

Our family, too, yearned for a new house and had to make do with an old one. Here is our story of how we did it—an inspiration and guide, we hope, to everyone who wishes his old house were new

By Helen Ares

Our home. We'll cut back shrubbery and pillars, paint bricks gray

LAST spring our family of six, crowded together in a too-small house, had a bad attack of that trapped feeling. Three of our four youngsters had reached the age where they liked to entertain their teen-age pals in boisterous bunches. The only place they could do it was the living room—our only relaxing spot. On the other hand, Wes and I had reached the age where life begins (if you can take it), and we needed some place to escape occasionally from youthful exuberance.

The answer to all these human problems, we decided, was a larger house. The only way to get that house was to buy it, inflation or no inflation.

The house we'd dreamed of was a low, rambling place with an enormous living room. The house we *got* for what we could spend was a straightforward 26-year-old with no intention of ever rambling. Its 14x18 living room was far from enormous. But it was a homey, big-family sort of house, ruggedly built for a lot of comfortable living. And there were rooms to spare—10 in all. The sunroom could be turned over to the young fry. Dad could have his own study, and Mom (oh happy day!) could have her own quiet workroom.

Naturally, moving into the old place involved a lot of carpentry, painting, and curtain-making. Labor costs being what they are, we did the major portion with our own hands. But at the end of the fourth month, nursing hammered fingers and a lame sawing arm, Wes gave in. "I'm beat!" he moaned. "Let's call in a neighborhood carpenter to finish up." I agreed, certain that he'd do it for something less than $100. When his bill arrived for $425, we breathed a prayer of thanks that we'd done the other 90 percent of the work ourselves.

Would we go thru it all again with another house? Well, first give us a few years to sit back and enjoy this one.

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Here are five of the six reasons we need a big house—Dad, Johnny, Karen, myself, and Ann. Teen-age Chris didn't get into the picture →

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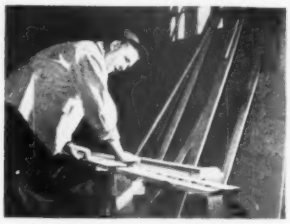
IN OUR innocence, Wes and I thought that redoing the old house would be about a two-month project, with me puttering around by day and both of us whipping into it evenings and weekends. Actually it took four long, work-heavy months. To make the story good, I should say they were months of pure fun. But there were devastating moments—like the time we enameled the bathroom's most strategic piece, only to find an absent-minded offspring parked there a few minutes later. But, all in all, the fun outweighed the calamities.

Wes and I mix paint. Colors we wanted could not be purchased ready-mixed

Our friend, Cal Cooper, a designer, helped us plan the fireplace wall

My carpentering was "holding the other end" and cheering Wes



Wes swore he was the worst carpenter in Michigan, but somehow things got sawed

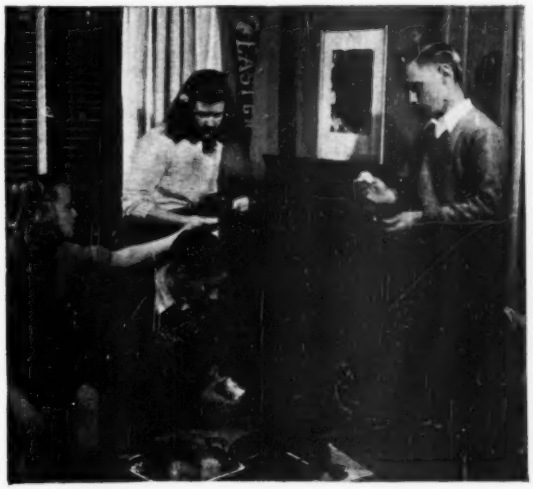
Using bargains, and old curtains, I dressed our windows for $100

In nine rooms we used our old furnishings where possible. But in the living room we splurged on a big, curved sofa, blonde end tables to match our new phonograph and table lamps made from antique samovars. We bought good pieces because we were buying for keeps. Muslin curtains stretch $3.40-a-yard chintz

Walls and wood trim can be a dead giveaway on the age of a house. But we found that when we painted them all one color, cracks and curlicues weren't noticed. Deep green ties all our furniture together—blonde, brunette, lacquered. You may think we chose light-gray carpet for beauty, but it was to hide dirt

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Wes's study plays the double role of home office and adult relaxing spot away from family hustle. (Here we're having our "quiet 15" after dinner.) We built the color scheme around walls of restful putty-beige. Draperies are 50-cents-a-yard cambric



The younger set have a retreat of their own, too, in what used to be the sunroom. Equipped with our old phonograph and a table for games or study, it means more privacy for them, more peace for us, a happier family

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BEDROOMS were another reason we decided to buy a big, old house. No matter how we doubled up, we couldn't live happily with less than four. A new four-bedroom home was out of the question.

In the house we left, 15-year-old Chris had been sharing his room with 5-year-old Johnny. Johnny complained that Chris played the radio "too loud and too late." Chris complained that he wouldn't ask the fellows up to his room—it was "like living in a nursery." You can combine living and dining, kitchen and laundry, but modern architects haven't found a way to combine human beings' different interests, ages, and personalities.

Karen and Ann were another problem. While they were happy sharing a room, they weren't at all happy with the room they were sharing. They wanted one that "looked like" them.

Here you see how we've combined our old furniture with fresh color (and parental understanding) to give everyone in the family a room where he can express himself.

Chris's bedroom looks more like a study. And that's what it is, since third-year high school requires a lot of homework. Green rug was a leftover from the old house, but otherwise Chris chose his own colors

Karen and Ann, like most teen-agers, are inveterate clippers—movie stars, greeting cards, snapshots. So we made this pin-up base of composition board framed in tape. New blonde chests will fit any decorating scheme the girls may want

Better than breakfast in bed: Our Sunday-morning coffee served by the girls on the big round table in our bedroom. (Under the skirt is a secondhand library table, bought for $6 and cut down.) Who says large bedrooms are old-fashioned?

Johnny's room fell heir to our odd pieces of furniture, since he's far more concerned with color than period. Right now the walls are red and blue—that's what he wanted. If he decides later that he'd prefer purple, purple they'll be. Some day Johnny, too, will get more elaborate furnishings. But for now his room will take the beating a 5-year-old can give it

Master bedroom is our attempt to recapture the comfort of the bedrooms in Grandma's Victorian house. But we furnished on a tight budget. The carpeting shown covered the floor of our former living room. Curtains are bed-sheet seconds, tied back with paint-can lids enameled white. To hold greens, I bought a big, old-fashioned pitcher. At top, you see Wes upholstering our blonde bed, which didn't suit the room. Now bright red muslin matches the roses in our wallpaper

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Photograph: Phil Fein

You don't need a fancy fireplace!

By Richard C. Davids

You can have a fire tonight in your own yard. Here are five back-yard campfires that don't take a lot of time, a lot of money, or a lot of room

YOU ought to have an outdoor fireplace. A simple, homemade one that's good to cook on. And better still, good to crowd around as evenings grow cool. A place to build a campfire where you and your family can watch the flicker and dance of the flames, can feel the magic of fire.

You can *have* such a fireplace—for practically nothing. All the materials you need are a few firebricks, concrete blocks, or rocks, and a cooking grate that you can probably pick up at a scrap-iron dealer's.

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Five minutes to roll this one out of storage and start cooking. Make it from an oil drum and set on concrete blocks. When cooking's over, lift grate and enjoy fire as darkness falls

No yard is too small for a simple, homemade fireplace like one of these

Photographs: Merge

Whole steers used to be roasted over a barbecue pit built like the small one above. Dig pit 8 inches or so deep. Line inside with firebrick or stone. Then cook over the coals

Want a handy cooking stand? (at right) Sink an iron pipe ➜ beside your fire. Have arms and racks welded to sleeves that slip over the pipe. Or use loose-fitting pipe T's as sleeves, and screw stubs of pipe into T's to form the arms

How to pep up a tired lawn

By Dr. Joseph E. Howland

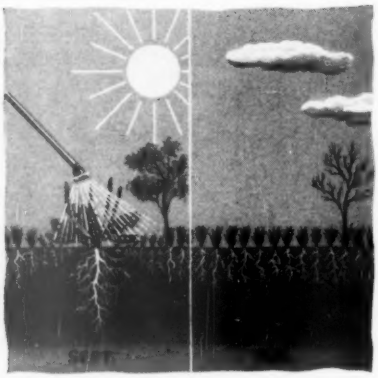
LAWNS everywhere had a tough time this summer. Some, already weakened by a dry fall last year, suffered thru weeks without rain. Others got too much water. Weeds, tho, are the most vigorous—and numerous—in years. Dandelions, in particular, have had a heyday.

If your grass isn't looking too good, September is the ideal time to get your lawn back into condition—or to seed bare spots or new lawn. Grass thrives in the cool autumn weather. Old bluegrass makes a whole new set of roots to replace those that died during the summer heat. But weeds make little growth until warm weather returns next spring. Get a thick, vigorous growth of grass this fall and the weeds won't find a spot to get started in next spring.

Here's what to do to give your lawn the golf-course look:

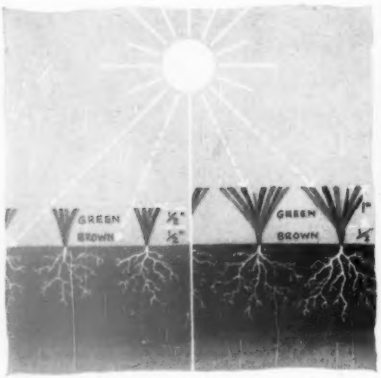
Feed: Use 4 pounds of plant food for each 100 square feet of lawn *now*. Skimpy, brown lawns usually turn green in a week, thicken into a velvety carpet by November.

Buy plant food rather than grass seed to thicken a thin lawn. New grass is shallow-rooted, doesn't stand a chance anyway in competition with old, deep-rooted grass.



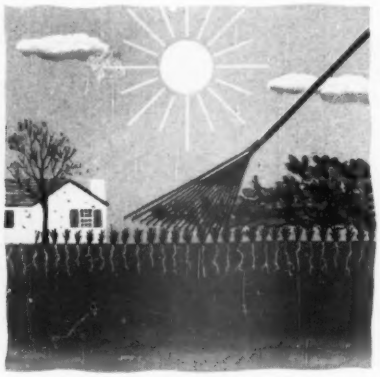
Spray weeds away: Weedy lawns need 2,4-D. Death is slow but certain—usually within a month. Meantime, feed your lawn to help the grass fill in the bare spots.

Weed seeds already present in the soil will survive, but they won't find room enough to get started next spring. Don't use 2,4-D on young grass.



Mow high: Give your grass a "butch" haircut (left) and your lawn looks brown and thin because you see the brown sheath and the bare soil between the grass plants.

Your grass grows best, looks best, when cut at 1½ inches (right). Your grass needs less plant food, far fewer waterings because the roots will go deeper into the soil.



Rake up the tree leaves: Whisk the leaves off: Don't let your rake get down to the ground. Hard raking rips out grass plants you'll wish you had next spring.

Hard raking also removes the lawn clippings. All season you let them fall to the ground to keep the grass roots cool and to add humus to the soil. Why lose this?

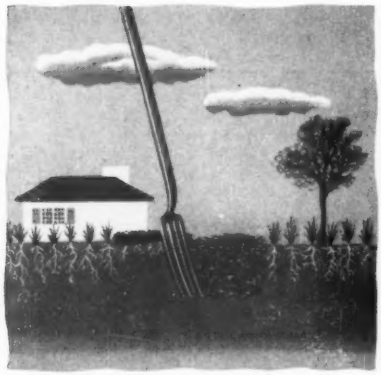
Water new seedlings carefully: Use care. Seeds and seedlings are easily washed away. Use a porous hose on slopes: The water oozes out slowly in big drops and quickly goes into the soil.

For level places, use a sprinkler that makes a fine spray. Get the soil wet 4 inches deep, better 6 inches, at each watering.

Don't sell that old lawn short.

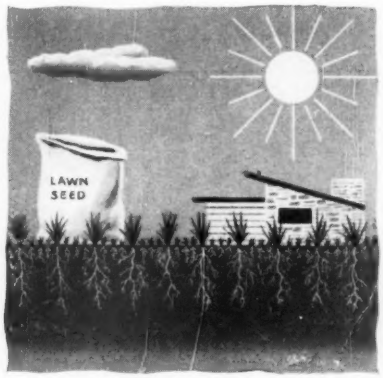
Treat it right this fall and you'll

boast about a velvety carpet next year



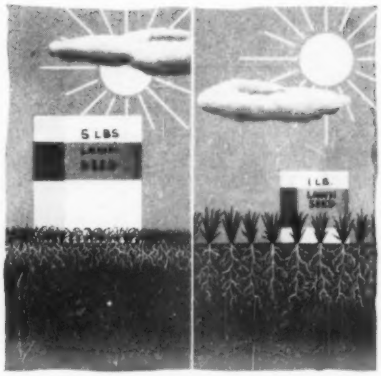
Seed bare spots: Spade 4 inches deep, then reseed. Spade in an inch of peat if your soil dries too fast—or if you are trying to grow a lawn on basement clay.

Merely scratching the surface of the soil with your rake does little good. The young grass plants need a loose, fertile soil for rapid growth.



Choose good seed mixture: Prices vary mainly on how much Kentucky bluegrass seed the mixture contains. Beware of mixtures that include ryegrass, timothy, and other coarse hay grasses (above).

For shady places or sandy, dry spots, order mixtures containing creeping red fescue or Chewing's fescue.

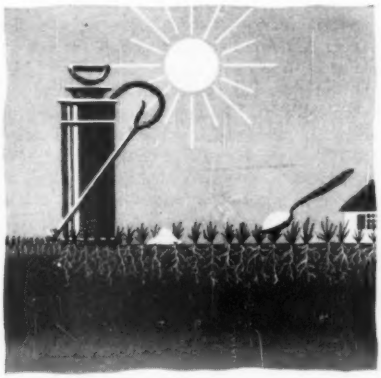


Seed sparingly: When you reseed, use a pound of grass seed for 200 square feet of ground (right). If you use too much seed, so many grass plants start (left) that they soon exhaust the food and water supply. The tops, too, will be too close. They won't catch enough sunlight, and fresh air won't get down to the lower leaves or the soil.

Drawings by John Burton Brimer

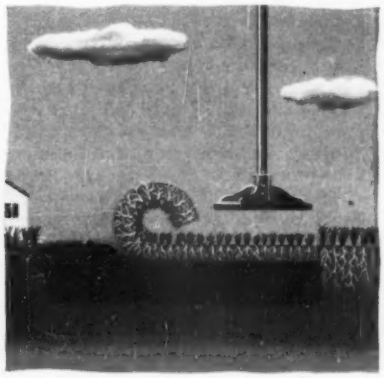
Kill moles: Use traps when the tunnels run near plants that cyanide gas would injure. Elsewhere on your lawn you can pour cyanide crystals or special mole poisons into holes poked in the run.

Moles are insect eaters, seldom chew off roots, but do break roots when hunting for root-eating insects.



Fight beetles: Spray or dust your lawn with chlordane or DDT. Either kills the beetles and grubs it hits.

Then to make the job permanent, every 15 to 20 inches put a teaspoon of the special powder that infects the beetles with the fatal "milky" disease. The disease spreads rapidly once you get a few beetles infected.



Sod slopes: This is emergency lawn-building. But when you are in a big hurry—or there's much of a slope to your ground—sodding is worth its added cost.

The best sod is only 1 inch thick and comes in rolls a foot wide. Lay it on soil thoroly prepared for quick rooting. Laying sod over hard yellow clay is a waste of time.

Will compulsory insurance help

YES

Says Albert Deutsch

LET'S get down to brass tacks.

What would it mean to you, your family, and your doctor if the United States were to adopt a health-insurance system? To be specific, where would you stand if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill (S.1320), which outlines such a system, were now in effect?

Let's suppose there are four in your family—you, your wife, and two minor children. You earn $3,600 a year. (We're taking $3,600 because your contribution to the insurance fund does not increase if you make more than $3,600.) You pay into the national health fund $54 a year. It's deducted weekly from your salary check. Your employer matches this payment with $54 more—his half of the 3 percent federal payroll tax. The maximum tax is $108, regardless of your income.

FOR your $108 a year, your family is entitled to the following:

You pick a doctor of your own choice from a list of doctors participating in the federal health-insurance system. The doctor has a right to accept or reject you as a patient, just as he had under the private-care system.

This doctor treats you and your family at your home, in his office, or at the hospital—just as he did before. The only difference is that you do not pay him directly. The health fund into which you paid takes care of your bills. Your family is entitled to periodic health examinations. This means serious illness in your family may be prevented or nipped in its early stage. If one of your children needs a pediatrician, or if your wife needs a gynecologist, or if you need a heart man or neurologist, your family doctor refers you to a qualified specialist (again of your own choice). The specialist's bills are paid by the health fund. If you have an addition to your family, the bills are taken care of. This includes medical attention before and after the baby is born.

Should you or any member of your family need hospital care, the health fund will pay the bill up to 60 days per person in any year. The time limit might be increased later if the fund can afford it.

If you need an operation, major or minor, the health fund will pay for it. It will pay for needed nurses, and it will pay for all laboratory, X-ray, and similar charges. You have the right to choose your own hospital, as long as it meets minimum standards established for your protection. If you live in a small town, the fund will pay for an ambulance to take you to a city hospital.

All of you are entitled to periodic dental examinations and limited dental care, depending on the availability of dentists. Nursing care in your home, when needed, is also provided if such service is available.

YOU and your family are entitled to eye examinations. Even eyeglasses are paid for by the health fund. So are special medical or surgical appliances.

No doctor is *compelled* to participate in this system. He can go in or stay out, as he chooses. The doctors themselves decide on how they are to be paid. The doctors in a community can get together and choose any one of the three methods of payment from the health fund outlined below. Or they can choose a combination of the three.

(1) Your doctor is paid by the fund for each service he renders you; (2) he is paid according to the number of insured persons on his panel regardless of the number of individual treatments; (3) he can draw a full or part-time salary.

Any doctor who doesn't want to go along with the majority in his area can select his own method of payment. The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill says that rates of payment must be fair and in line with prevailing medical fees. The rate must be enough to assure adequate incomes for doctors. It must be enough to permit decent vacations. It must be enough to encourage doctors to take postgraduate training and refresher courses.

THERE is no "regimentation" of the medical profession by "Washington bureaucrats." The *only* centralized part of the system is the collection of pay-roll deductions. They're collected just as social security contributions are now. The health-insurance system is supervised by the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service. He is advised by a National Health Advisory Council. Its members are outstanding physicians and laymen. The government is concerned mainly with setting up minimum standards and in taking care of planning and administrative details that can be handled only on a national level. The program itself is administered almost entirely by local and state bodies. There is very little interference or direction from Washington. Professional rules and regulations are established by professional men, not by politicians or amateurs.

If you're not a wage earner, you and your family are still covered by national health insurance. If you're self- [*Turn to page 251*

keep you healthy?

Two of America's foremost medical reporters examine proposed federal health insurance and disagree on what it would mean to you and your family

NO

Says Greer Williams

IT SOUNDS good.

The health reformers would have you believe that a 3 percent pay-roll tax will buy you just about all the medical care you want—and no more doctor bills to worry about.

Both friends and foes of socialized medicine agree that medical costs are a problem to the average family faced with serious illness. They also agree that insurance is the best way out for most of us. But they split sharply on the next question: Should the federal government make you buy health insurance or permit you to take it out on your own free will. The choice is between compulsory and voluntary methods.

Voluntary health insurance has grown to a point where more than 40,000,000 people carry hospital insurance; 17,000,000 have it for surgery, and more than 6,000,000, for other medical benefits. The popular Blue Cross plans, sponsored by voluntary hospitals, have 30,000,000 members. Blue Shield medical-care plans, sponsored by medical societies, have 7,500,000 members.

THE health reformers shake their heads to all this. They say, "Not enough. No, not enough people. Not enough benefits." Instead, they push for a vast experiment with the nation's medical services. It's spelled out in S.1320, latest of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell national health-insurance bills. The reformers don't stop with trying to solve the high-cost problem. The declared purpose of their proposed bill is "to prevent sickness, disability, and premature death."

The compulsory-minded point to the wonders of modern medical science. They say the wonders must be made available to everyone. They offer comprehensive medical care. They say it will improve the nation's health. That is their big selling point. The doctors, according to the health reformers, would make us healthier if we could only dig up the money to pay them.

This, oddly enough, is expressing more faith in doctors than they have in themselves. S.1320 angers the vast majority of physicians. They say it will destroy incentive to do more for the patient. Some even claim to see Communists under the patient's bed. Rarely, however, do the doctors make their reasoning clear in public. To do so would mean dwelling on their own failings before all us patients. It is actually because of their scientific and personal limitations, however, that most doctors oppose tax-paid medical service for 140,000,000 people. They know the reformers are selling a bill of goods no mortal can deliver.

LET'S take a close look at doctors and their problems. Take the case of a friend of mine. It has elements in common with 50 to 75 percent of the illnesses the average doctor treats. If it begins to look a little complicated, you will get the point. Medicine *is* complicated.

At 6 o'clock on a Monday morning, our friend could stand the ache in his lower right side no longer. His stomach was in a knot. He couldn't sleep. He called a specialist in internal medicine. The specialist told him to come to his office at 11. After a 20-minute examination, Doctor One—as we shall call him—said it looked like chronic appendicitis. However, he'd like to have the consultation of Doctor Two, a surgeon in the building. Doctor Two, after a three or four-minute examination, told Mr. Friend it was not an acute case. But he ought to have his appendix out. It would be $150.

Quite convinced, Mr. Friend went home. He took the phenobarbital and belladonna Doctor One had prescribed. By Wednesday, he felt so much better he returned to work. Doctor One, when informed, surprised him by saying, "I'm sorry to hear it. It would have been a good thing to get rid of that appendix." The man was more indignant when Doctor One sent his bill. It was for $28. Doctor Two charged $5.

Troubled again in August, our subject, who was a $3,600 government worker, pulled a string or two and got into a government free clinic. There, another internist, Doctor Three, made a careful examination. He said the difficulty was spastic colitis, an irritation and tension of the colon. Mr. Friend was quite happy with this doctor. He returned to him in September when he felt bad again. He was then sent to a government hospital. There Doctor Four, a radiologist, made an X-ray examination, and Doctor Five, the attending surgeon, broke the news to him that he had an ulcer of the duodenum, the section of the small intestine just below the stomach. Mr. Friend now quit smoking and drinking, went on a diet, and took his aluminum hydroxide hourly. He was feeling pretty good in December when he landed a $4,400 job in private industry. He hadn't been happy in his government job, but now he was unhappier. His new boss was a heel. The knots in his side came back. He was sick to his stomach every morning.

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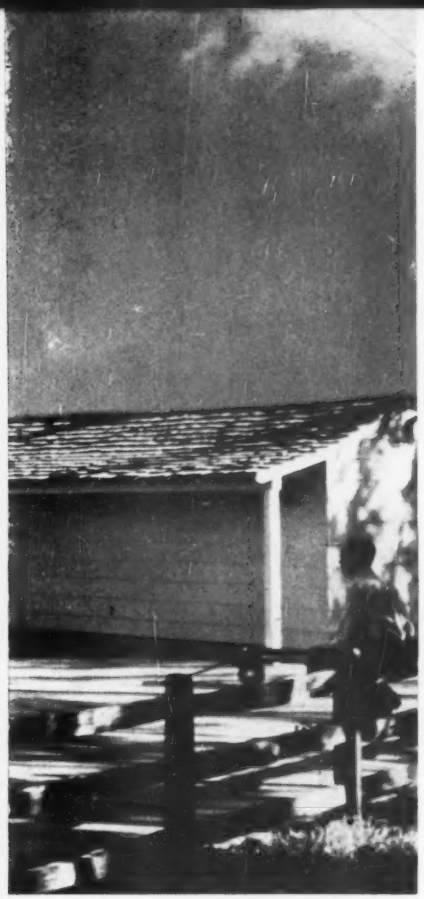
Photographs: Maynard Parker

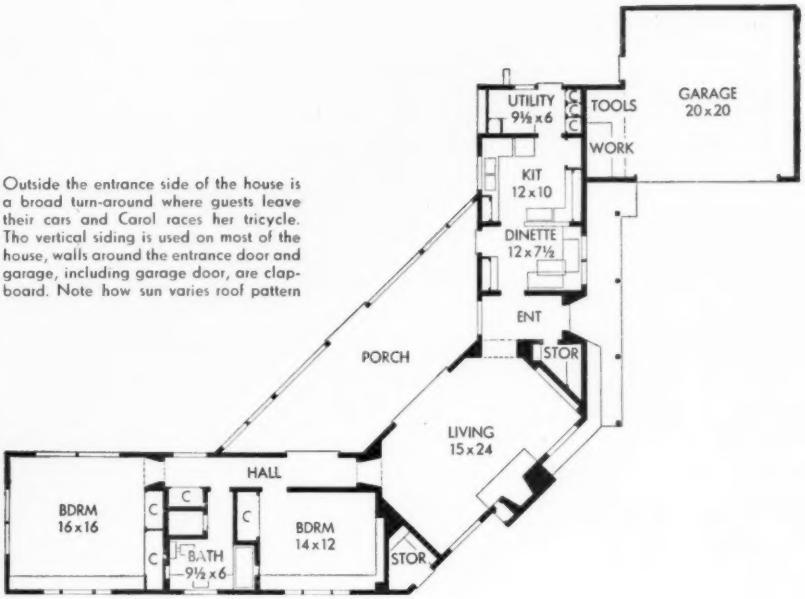
Here is a house that combines two features

On the porch is a series of racks designed specifically for magazines. Racks are deep enough to hold four issues firmly. Cabinets below are for games, since most family activity occurs on the porch. Room is lighted from a cove above rack

Thin brick and thick mortar joints in both fireplace and hearth subdue the color of the brick. The mantel and door to the wood storage box (filled from outside) are flat wood surfaces. The ceiling at this end of the room is furred down so that the drapery tracks and a light over the picture above the mantel are hidden



Outside the entrance side of the house is a broad turn-around where guests leave their cars and Carol races her tricycle. Tho vertical siding is used on most of the house, walls around the entrance door and garage, including garage door, are clapboard. Note how sun varies roof pattern



you can't get along without: **Sunshine and storage space**

By Elizabeth Gilrain

The large glassed-in porch, with its asphalt tile floor, exposed rafters, and natural wood walls and ceiling, gets a lot of wear and use. Doors from the living room slide on overhead tracks. The door in the background leads to kitchen

THIS is the type of house you dream of owning, but rarely see. It is a house almost without flaws, built from plans which Designer Cliff May drew for Talton R. Craig, Jr.

The Craig house is a true ranch house not only because it is spread out, but also because it's only one room thick. Thus every area has direct cross ventilation, and is never without sunlight (if the sun is out).

Tho the shape of the house is one of its most attractive features, cream-colored siding used both horizontally and vertically, thick cedar shakes, and occasional touches of brickwork give the exterior a snug hominess.

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Extra ways to use flower bowls

By Fae Huttenlocher

A NEW low flower bowl can be a versatile thing. It can be good to look at and just as handy for serving salads, candies, and nuts as for holding flowers or fruit.

If you're buying a new flower bowl—either for yourself or for a gift—make sure it is versatile. Here are some things to look for when you shop:

Interesting shape. A good bowl is beautiful in itself. Tho you'll be using it often, it should be a decorative addition to a home, even when empty.

Simplicity. Make sure the bowl you choose isn't so ornate that it steals the spotlight from flowers.

Pleasing color. The color of a flower bowl must do something for the bowl's contents. Fortunately, the same greens, yellows, browns, and black that are the best backgrounds for flowers will be most flattering to food.

Versatility. Good bowls are designed to hold most varieties of flowers. But, to get full use from a bowl, ask yourself: "Is it broad enough to hold fruit? Will it blend with dishes? Can it be used on buffet, mantel, console, or coffee table?"

You can find a bowl that answers all of these requirements at whatever price you want to pay.

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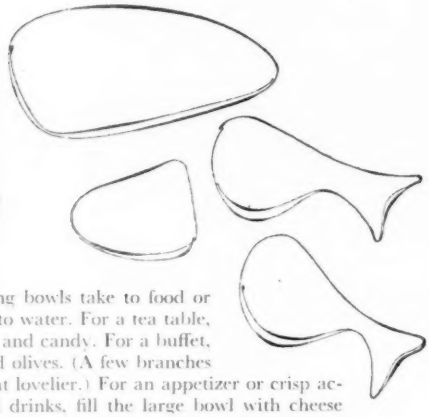
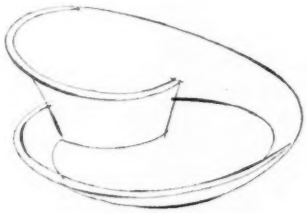
Ever-popular gazelle's head

Taller than the others, this flower container gives good support to tall branches and long-stemmed flowers. But it, too, has other uses. For an easy fall centerpiece, pile grapes on its head like a giddy hat. The clear chartreuse glaze will make the purple of the grapes even brighter. Or to amuse guests at a buffet supper, let the gazelle be your relish "tray" to serve celery, radishes, and young green onions. You'll find these vegetables will look more attractive if you leave on parts of the stems and leaves.



Dishes inspired by fish shapes

These four matching bowls take to food or flowers as a fish does to water. For a tea table, fill them with flowers and candy. For a buffet, use them for fruit and olives. (A few branches make the arrangement lovelier.) For an appetizer or crisp accompaniment to cool drinks, fill the large bowl with cheese spread, potato chips, and apple wedges that have been dipped in salt water to keep them from turning brown. Smaller bowls hold nuts and cigarettes.



Prizewinning snail bowl

Selected for a national prize by five leading ceramic artists, this bowl has the versatility of any large, round bowl plus the added interest of several levels. For the living room, arrange flowers (we used six short gladioli and three long branches of shrubbery) in the upper story. Then fill the lower part with clear water to reflect them. For a Sunday night supper let the bowl serve dessert: crackers and cheese, fresh pineapple cubes and powdered sugar to dip them in. For the dining room, add a few young rhubarb stalks to the usual bowlful of apples and bananas or oranges and grapes.

Photographs: Stanley

Bigger show for your bulb money

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Plant your spring-flowering bulbs close to your spring-flowering shrubs and . . . zoom! . . . up will go your satisfaction in both of these investments

Photograph: Stanley

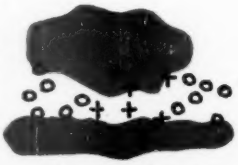
Hyacinths with forsythia

For an extra-early treat, select a sunny, sheltered spot and set blue, white, and purple hyacinths in front of a showy forsythia bush. Set King Alfred daffodil bulbs to mingle their big trumpets with the tiny forsythia bells. Add bicolors for contrast and bluebells for the flattery they pay the rest. Next spring, edge group with white pansies

○ 9 TRUMPET DAFFODILS
+ 6 HYACINTHS
● 6 BICOLOR DAFFODILS

Daffodils below spirea

Below is the handsome result you'll get next May, if this September you set in daffodil bulbs to bloom with your Vanhoutte spirea. Keep the bulbs well out, just under the arching tips. Spirea branches droop low while weighted with flowers. In front of a single bush, or spotted along the shaded side of your spirea hedge, yellow-trumpets and late-blooming cluster-flowered kinds as Innocence and Trevithian give a show like this

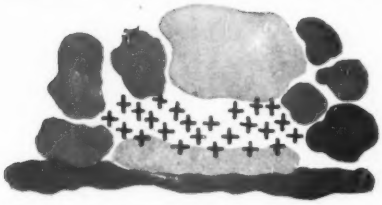


○ 12 CLUSTER-FLOWERED
+ 6 YELLOW TRUMPET

O'Halloran of Harris & Ewing

Tulips massed to focus color

If your climate lets you grow azaleas and dogwoods like these photographed in Richmond, Virginia, then plant Pride of Haarlem tulips in a close group for a glowing spot in front of a pink dogwood tree. If dogwoods and azaleas are not reliably hardy with you, use Coleur Cardinal tulips and bleedinghearts below a Pink Saucer magnolia. Edge with iberis



+ 24 TULIPS

For Bulb Planting Simplified, turn to page 240

Decorating—*how to go about it. No. 2 of a series*

Dining rooms

Drop leaves for tiny dinettes

Hang head-bumpers higher

Good light for sewing or study

DECORATING a dining room used to be a routine affair. You'd put a table in the middle of the room under a chandelier. On one wall there'd be a buffet. On another, a window smothered in draperies. Walls and floor could be almost anything, so long as they looked mousy.

Sounds pretty awful now, doesn't it? But, just the same, a lot of our attitudes about dining rooms date back to that era. Before we start, let's throw away all the old rules and think of your dining room as we would any other room. It's a room with a job—in fact several jobs—to do. The furniture you buy, the way you arrange it, even the covering on your floors should help do those jobs. If it does, it's good decorating.

Walls are the color feature

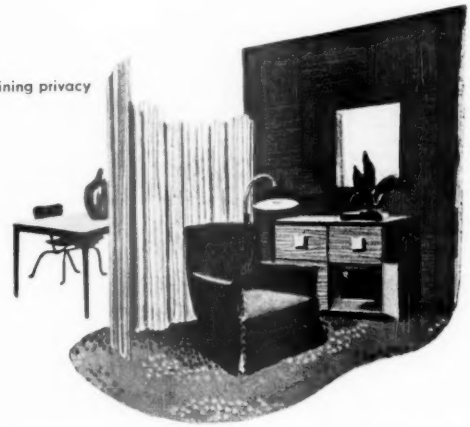
Since you enter your dining room thru either your living room or entrance hall, it will rely on one or both of these rooms for its color scheme. You can bring in color in draperies, rug, upholstered host chairs, even the seats of dining chairs. But the walls will be the biggest color feature in your room. Bold patterned or striped walls help take the place of pictures and upholstered furniture. But before you plunge, consider the walls of adjoining rooms. You'll be safe if you follow one of these formulas:

Patterned hall, plain living room. Use a plain stripe or wide floral stripe on dining-room walls. A painted dado below will keep the paper from overpowering your room.

Plain hall, plain living room. By all means use a bold patterned wallpaper. And again, a dado to match either the background or a deep color from the design.

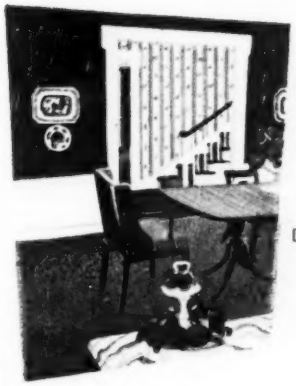
Music in the dining room—why not?

Flexible screen for dining privacy



By Christine Holbrook

Gone is the day when the dining room was just a place to eat. Decorate yours to be lived in all day long



Dark walls, white dado

Patterned hall, striped living room. Better keep dining-room walls plain. Try painting them a deep color above a white or natural wood dado. Never use a light wall color above a dark dado.

Combination living-dining room. Paper one wall of the dining end with a striking pattern if other walls are plain. Or paint it a plain color, if other walls are patterned.

Floor coverings must stand wear

Above all, your dining-room floor must be practical—prepared for crumbs, spots, and extra wear under the table. Consider linoleum, rubber tile, or polished cork squares. In carpeting, choose a pattern or texture that will look clean, even after a meal. Florals, hooked patterns, plaids, or the new shag rugs are all good camouflage. Allover carpeting ties a living-dining room together. For a feeling of separation, give the dining end a separate rug, linoleum, or shining waxed floor.

Buy furniture to fit the room

Too many people invest in a complete dining-room suite, install it proudly, then wonder why it doesn't do more for their room. They might have spared themselves this costly disappointment by asking a few questions before they bought:

Is the suite too big? With today's trend toward smaller dining rooms, massive sideboards and dining tables can overpower your room. Sometimes you'll find a pair of low twin chests will store just as much linen as the old sideboard. And today's compact tables can be extended to seat nearly as many as Grandma's monster. [*Turn to page 142*

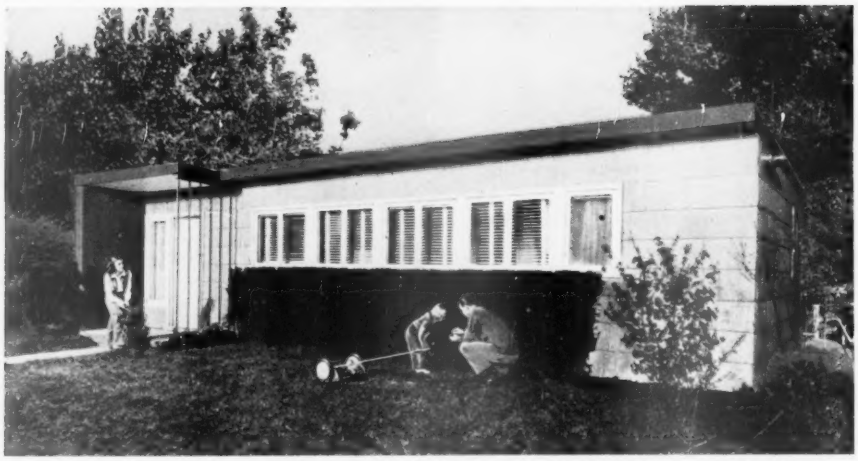
Twin chests make a roomy buffet

Today's tables grow and grow

Never a bare table

Host chair serves two rooms

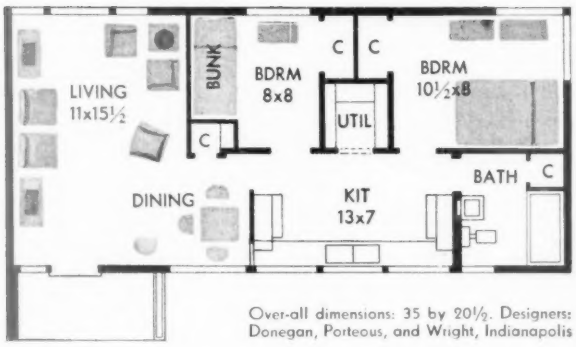
Drawings by Harry Richardson and Richard Howard



To keep costs low, the 35-foot front of the house is simply designed. A bank of windows visually adds breadth to house

Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 1809 is a

Minimum-cost house



Over-all dimensions: 35 by 20½. Designers: Donegan, Porteous, and Wright, Indianapolis

What's the cost? That depends on costs per square foot in your town. This house has 612 square feet

In the child's room paint of bright hue gives gaiety to inexpensive furnishings. Double-decker bunks and high chest save space. Total cost of furnishings: $95.68. Details on page 224

You can buy complete plans for this or any

The living end of the living-dining area is simply furnished, allows comfortable group seating. Each piece of furniture offers more surface space, important in crowded quarters. Cost of furnishings, including dining end: $626.69

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing
Furnishings: L. S. Ayres & Co.

Kitchen is corridor type, with pass-thru in far corner. Laundry equipment is at left. Total cost of furnishings, including cabinets and equipment: $752.18

By John Normile, A.I.A.

LET'S be frank. The five-room, two-bedroom house that was built and sold before the war for $6,000 to $8,000 now costs between $12,000 and $15,000 with the same workmanship. We see no immediate possibility of the cost returning to prewar levels—or even to $10,000, for that matter.

Where does that leave you—you with the need to build but nowhere near that much cash? It leaves you with a lot of company, but still no house.

Caught in the same web of circumstance, three young veterans have designed a replacement. All practicing architects, they combined their talents to come up with a realistic answer to the housing problem—*Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1809.

The house isn't big, but for the same price you paid before the war, it provides the same basic shelter—a place to relax, a place to eat, a place to cook, a place to sleep. It may not be your idea of a dream house, but it has clean, straightforward lines and simplified construction that cut costs to the bone. A house that you can live in comfortably is finer than any home still in the dream stage.

If you are disappointed because you [*Turn to page 222*

other Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH THOSE YOU LOVE

Down-to-earth answers that will help you contribute the most to your family life and to get the most out of it

By Paul M. Landis, Ph.D.

Dr. Paul M. Landis, one of America's leading authorities on family life, retired last year as dean of the graduate school, Washington State College. Still only 47, he continues as chairman of the division of sociology and last year was president of the Pacific Northwest Conference on Family Relations. He is the author of 10 books, including *Your Marriage and Family Living*, *Adolescence and Youth*, and *Problems in Social Living*. Well able to get along with those *he* loves, Doctor Landis is happily married, father of a son and two daughters. Doctor Landis cannot undertake to answer letters individually by mail.

EDITOR

▶ *I'm disturbed by the number of activities my wife is carrying on outside the family, now that the children are gone. I come home and find that she is out on some community crusade. She neglects my meals and often leaves me alone in the evening. Frankly, I'm finding it hard to take.*

—Don B.

Dear Mr. B:

Your attitude is not uncommon and, perhaps, not unreasonable. It's the usual male attitude. But consider the situation in another family. This couple has also reached the empty-nest stage of family life. The wife has become despondent and bored to death with idleness. She spends her time dreaming of the happy days when the children were at home. She makes her life miserable and that of the husband, too.

Just what outlet *would* you recommend for your wife now that the responsibilities of the home have decreased? *You* have the same interesting activities you've always had. They take you out of the home for 8 to 10 hours a day. You want your home to be a place where you can rest and share your wife's companionship. But put yourself in *her* place and see if you wouldn't like your husband to eat downtown occasionally so you get a break from the endless routine of cooking. See also if you would not think it your perfect right to achieve recognition by interesting and socially useful community service. I would say the adjustment your wife has made is an ideal one. You should change your own attitudes by understanding her problem and developing new hobby interests of your own.

▶ *My wife is always spending money. This might not be so bad if it were not for the fact that I came up the hard way. All I have, I worked for. I've had the idea of thrift and saving pounded into me so hard that it's hard for me to put up with extravagance. I've hoarded quite a nest egg, but only because I have to look forward to our old age. The situation has become so bad it threatens to break up our marriage. We can't even bring up money without quarreling.*

—Randolph D.

Dear Mr. D:

In our individualistic age, when both men and women have definite ideas about how the money should be used, this money problem gives more trouble in marriage than any other single problem. Perhaps you can be more generous in your own attitude, if you will recognize that your wife in caring for the home and providing for you has made an economic contribution to your family life which, conservatively estimated, probably amounts to $2,000 to $3,000 a year. You have actually saved this amount thru her efforts. If you think that this is too high, just estimate the cost of help for taking care of your home since the time of your marriage. Your wife has a right to spend normally and, perhaps, by your standards with a degree of extravagance.

Do your friends and associates consider her extravagant, or is the extravagance simply a matter of your own standards? If the latter, change your standards by every deliberate effort you can, perhaps by a little extravagant expenditure on your part for her and for yourself. It is wholesome to remind yourself occasionally that you can't take it with you, and certainly you cannot place a money value on a marriage that is otherwise satisfactory.

▶ *My husband is 45. I am 42. He seems to be much less romantic than he was a few years ago. Yet I don't think he is interested in another woman. It seems as tho our life has become sort of routine. We take each other for granted. Is this as it should be?*

—Susan Y.

Dear Mrs. Y:

As you and your husband grow older the romantic aspects of married life naturally wane with a decline in sex energy. If your marriage is satisfactory, a spirit of mutual helplessness and a mutual dependence should bind you more closely together as the years go by. You should find in each other a deeply satisfying sense of security. Perhaps if you would contrast your situation with that of women you know who have never married, or with women whose husbands *have* continued to have romantic ventures of an adolescent character, you would find more reason to be satisfied with the kind of life you are living.

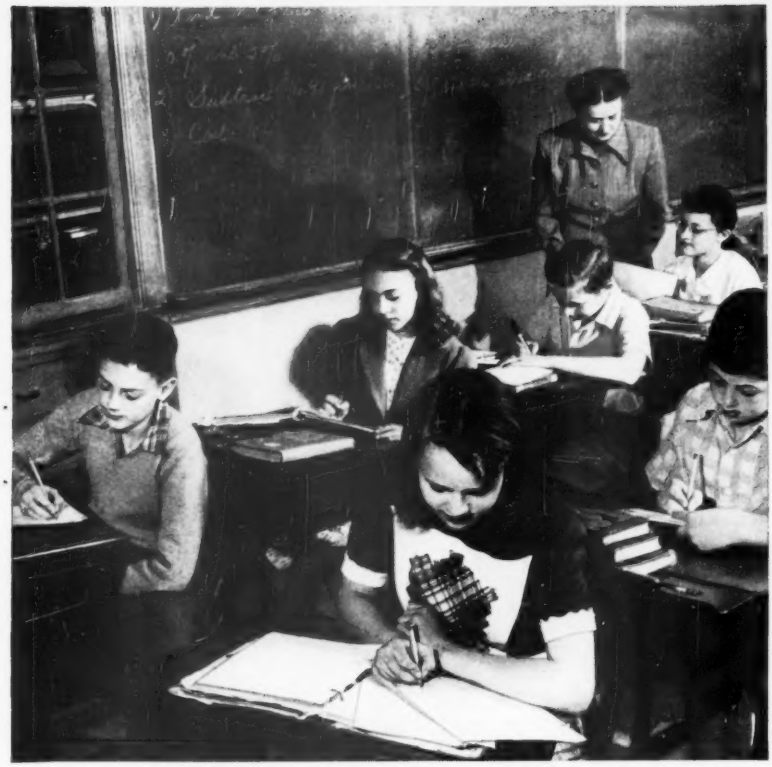
Of course, both you and your husband should show your appreciation occasionally by doing some unexpected nice things for each other. But you must reconcile yourself to the realization that your [*Turn to page 117*

Love Is a Fire

Love is a fire that grows from a spark
Into a light that illumes the dark.
Love is a fire with heat untold
That turns into warmth the bitterest cold.

Love is a fire that flames in the heart,
But love is a fire that two must start.
Love is a fire that will burn without end,
But love is a fire that two must tend.

—Richard Armour



CLASSROOM WORK burns up energy fast and must be restored. Much depends on proper foods.

ORGANIZED GAMES and sports use up much of a child's energy.

IN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS many children eat home-packed lunches.

Somewhere in every school child's day there's a place for GOOD HOT SOUP

LOOK FOR THE RED-AND-WHITE LABEL

Study, play and just plain romping use up children's energy in jigtime. Mothers know it must be restored by the right food eaten at the right time. Lunch, particularly, they realize should include a substantial hot dish—a dish like Campbell's Vegetable Soup.

Women know this fine vegetable soup of old . . . know what sound nourishment is in its good beef stock, and in its tempting garden vegetables—fifteen different kinds. No wonder they call it "almost a meal in itself". And because they've seen their youngsters go for this homey vegetable soup time after time, they make sure to keep plenty on hand. Do you?

Campbell's VEGETABLE SOUP

HOME TO LUNCH come many school children.

"ON THE GO" from morn till night.

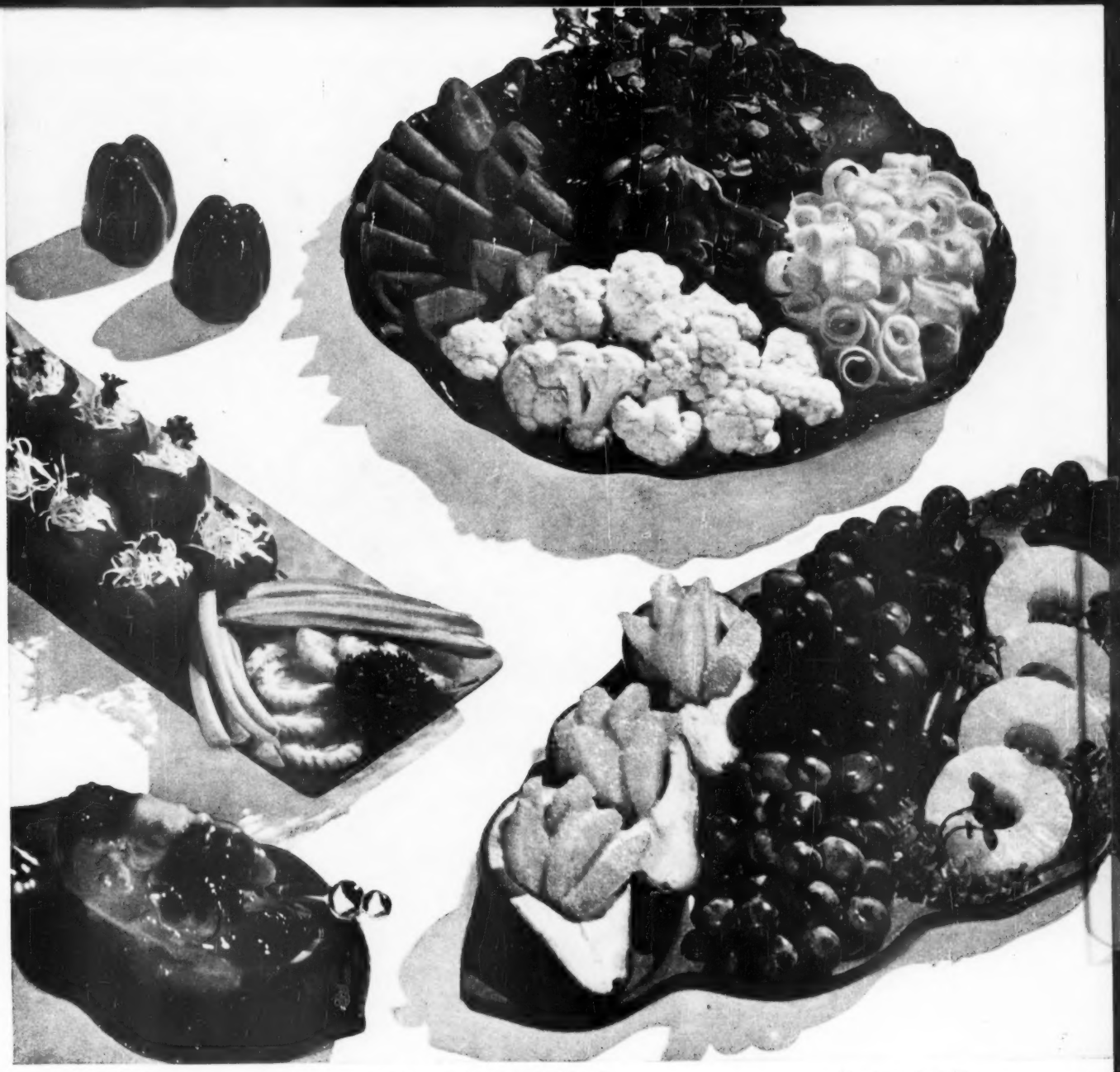
Would you be healthy,
Happy and wise?
Eat well, sleep well
And exercise!

VACUUM BOTTLES often hold good hot soup.

Salad Carousel *Trio Tray* *Stuffed Tomato*

Relish trays make easy salads

Only one salad plate to arrange instead of five or six. Nothing to measure or mix



Relish Tray *Nibble and Crunch Salad* *Fruit Salad Tray*

By Ida Ruth Younkin

Photograph: Charles Kuoni

A RELISH tray is an easy salad. Instead of fixing, say, six individual salad plates, you fix one *big* salad plate. That saves you time.

If kitchen counter space is skimpy or the dining table not so big, a relish tray takes up less room than individual salads. A relish tray is equally at home on the dinner table, on the buffet, at the picnic table, or on the porch.

Tray salads like those in the picture can be so beautiful you'll use them as the table centerpiece. A tray salad can be *planned*, or you can get out your vegetable crisper or the fruit drawer of your refrigerator and make up your masterpiece as you go along. Fruits should be dewy-fresh and vegetables washed, cold, and crisp. Then it's only a matter of minutes to arrange them for the table.

The cucumber dishes in the picture hold French dressing and mayonnaise. Have the salt and pepper within easy reach.

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Chicken dinners

DINNER'S easy to plan and sure to please if it's a *chicken dinner*.

Ideas are limitless. Because you can buy fresh chicken—whole or by the piece, frozen-fresh chicken all ready to cook, frozen-cooked, and canned chicken. The frozen-cooked chicken you can buy as all meat or a la king. The canned you can buy whole in broth, boneless, a la king, or as fricassee.

Of all the chicken dinners, fried chicken gets the biggest vote. On page 88 you'll find the step-by-step directions for skillet-fried chicken. Below is the recipe for the chicken in the basket, opposite page. It looks deep-fat-fried, but it isn't.

The Chicken Pizza, the Chicken Strata Soufflé, and Frenched Chicken Sandwiches, below, are ideas for using *cooked* chicken.

← Chicken in the Basket

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Fried Chicken*	Corn on the Cob Butter Pats	Whole Tomatoes	Fresh-Fruit Basket	Hot French Bread Huge Pot of Coffee

The chicken in the basket, opposite page, gets its crisp brown crust this way: For each pound of chicken mix 1/4 cup fine, dry bread crumbs, 2 tablespoons flour, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, and 1 teaspoon paprika. The paprika is the secret of the golden brown. Dip chicken in milk, then in crumbs before frying. Double the mix, dip twice for extra-brown crust.

Ladies' Luck

Chicken Strata Souffle*	Buttered Green Beans	Waldorf Salad Cranberry Sauce	Peach Sundae Marble Cake*	Melon Cup Whole-Wheat Rolls Hot Coffee or Tea

Have the individual casseroles on the table when the luncheon guests sit down. Each casserole looks like a fluffy souffle. It does have a souffle top, but underneath is rich chicken a la king. It's the something different for your luncheon. And if the guests are a little late, the souffle will wait without capsizing. The marble cake is chocolate and spice, is made by the quick-mix method.

Sandwich Supper

Frenched Chicken Sandwiches* With Cheese Sauce	Fried Tomatoes	Cream Coleslaw	Concord Tarts	Hot Coffee

You can make the sandwiches well before suppertime. When it's time to eat, dip the sandwiches in beaten eggs and fry just as you would French toast. For the cheese sauce, melt a package of spreading cheese over hot water; stir in a little milk. Cut firm tomatoes in 1/2-inch slices; salt and pepper and dip in flour; fry slowly till brown. Have crisp coleslaw on the side.

Chicken Barbecued for a Picnic

Barbecued Chicken* Barbecue Sauce	French Fries	Harvest Salad: Tomatoes, Raw Cauliflower, Cucumbers French Dressing	Peach Pickup Desserts*	Hot Coffee

You can barbecue both the choice and bony pieces of chicken. If you're budget-minded, buy backs, wings, and necks and bake them in barbecue sauce in the oven. You can add the gizzards and hearts, too. Simmer them in your pressure saucepan till they are almost tender before you put them in the sauce. Peach tarts are made fold-over style for easy picnic service.

10 Minutes for the Main Dish

Chicken Pizza*	Buttered Corn	Chef's Salad	Apple Crisp* Golden Custard Sauce	Coffee Watermelon or Crabapple Pickles

For Chicken Pizza, you split English muffins, top them with diced, cooked chicken and a slice of cheese. Put some chili sauce on top and bake Chicken Pizza in hot oven 10 minutes. Use any well-flavored cheese, or if you want a true pizza, use a soft Italian cheese. Top on the Apple Crisp is crunchy the way you like it, because it has quick oats mixed with brown sugar.

Photograph: Charles Kuoni

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Your mixer is more than a beater

It will...

Look at all the jobs an electric mixer can do for you—jobs that take a lot of time and old-fashioned elbow grease. Attachments for the mixer are available now to make ice cream, fix the vegetables for the salad bowl, and polish the family silver. Pictures on these pages show the attachments and what they will do

Make ice cream

The freezer holds 2 quarts and will make old-fashioned, "hand-turned" ice cream in 8 to 10 minutes. The mixer turns the crank for you. Spout at right drains salt water

Open cans

Pull down the handle on can opener as shown. Let go of the can. Turn on the motor of the mixer. Can top is cut. Turn motor off. Lift handle to release can

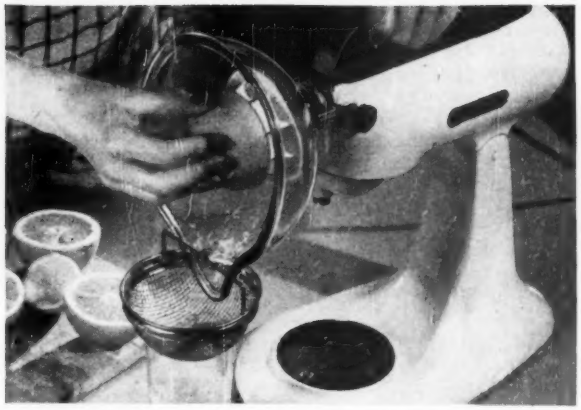
Slice vegetables

Feed vegetables in at the top, press down gently with cover. Slices shoot out into bowl. Same attachment has a shredder you use for vegetables, cheese, fresh coconut

Hull peas, slice beans

Feed beans in at one side; they come out the other in neat strips. Shell peas with same attachment. Peas pop back into pan; hulls drop out on the other side

Juice fruit



Whether you're fixing orange juice for two or punch for a crowd, you'll use the juicer. It's easy to attach and easy to wash. Spinning reamer extracts all the juice

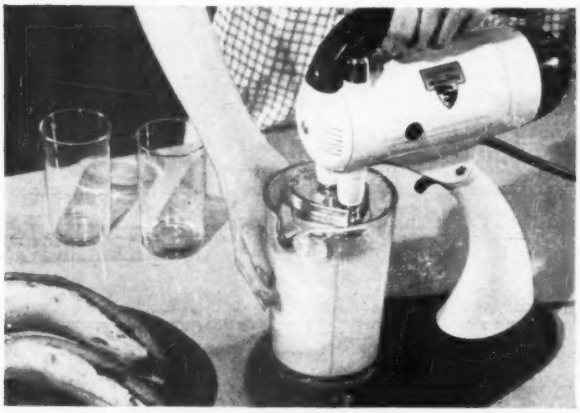
Make mayonnaise

Measure salad oil into the 1-quart oil dropper. Other mayonnaise ingredients are in mixer bowl. Turn faucet so oil is added in fine stream. Beater does the blending

Sieve fruits and vegetables

Metal colander is set in bowl, perforated disc is set in colander. A paddle replaces the beater. Add food to colander. Mixer sieves food at slowest speed

Mix drinks



Attachment includes the drink mixer and the large glass shown. You can make thick malts, milk shakes, and eggnogs. It works the same as a fountain mixer

Polish silver

Photographs: Wesley Bowman

Silver buffer does a specially good job on engraved or heavily designed silver. Apply polish. Then shine silver on buffer—medium speed, then high for final luster

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Coins in a salad

Maca-wienie Salad. Cook a 6-ounce package of 7-minute macaroni in boiling, salted water 7 minutes; drain. Add 2 tablespoons each chopped pimiento and grated onion, 1 cup frankfurter coins (cut as shown), ½ cup chopped celery, and ¼ cup mayonnaise. Toss and season. Chill. Garnish bowl with more frankfurter coins. This makes a hearty supper salad

Curlicues from the skillet

Hominy and Franks. Cut frankfurters as shown, brown in medium hot fat till edges curl. Remove from skillet. Add 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) golden hominy, drained; season and brown hominy. Arrange with meat on hot platter. Garnish with parsley. If you have a can of hominy on your emergency shelf you can have this platter dinner all ready on 15 minutes' notice

Six ways you can fix a hot dog

By Myrna Johnston

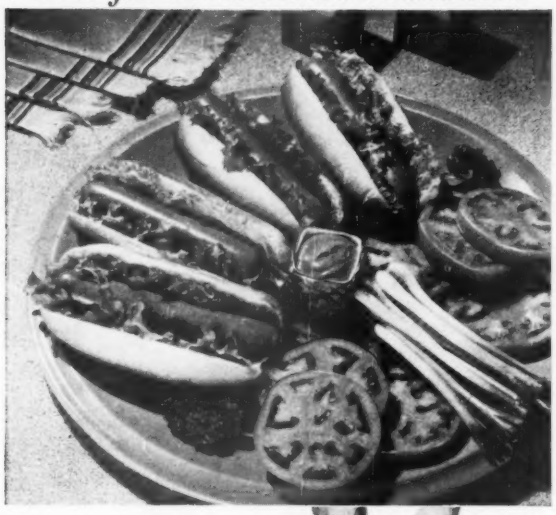
HOW glamorous can a hot dog be? Here's the answer in pictures.

Get out your cutting board and cut frankfurters or wieners in slices, halves, or sticks; leave them whole, slit, or split them. Makes no difference how you slice them, they're good eating.

Frankfurters and wieners are already cooked. All you have to do is heat them. And the best way to do that is add boiling water, cover, let stand 8 to 10 minutes—with no heat. The boiling water heats the meat without breaking the skins.

You'll get 7 to 9 frankfurters in a pound, and 10 to 12 wieners. They're easy, economical meat, whether you buy them for a picnic, a supper casserole, or one of the more dressed-up ideas we show here.

Whole for all-American sandwich



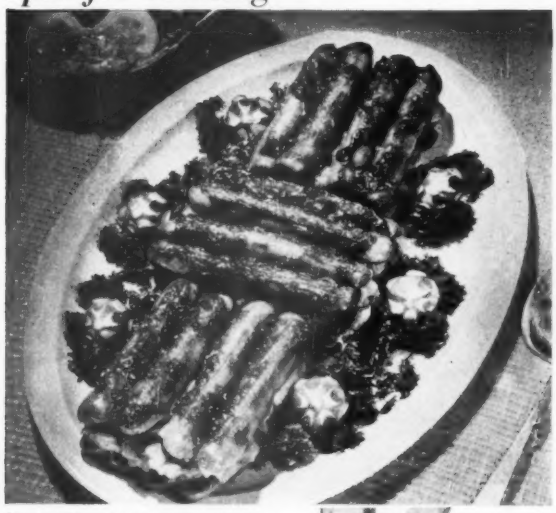
Hot Dogs. Place frankfurters in boiling water. Cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 8 to 10 minutes. Split Coney buns; line with crisp garden lettuce. Fill each with a hot frankfurter. Serve with tomato slices, green onions, and mustard. Picture shows how you can serve the sandwiches whether they're to make a snack or a meal. That's mustard in the center

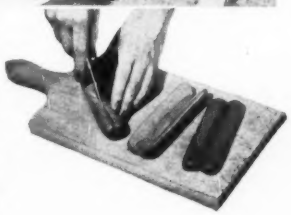
Half cuts for casseroles

Photographs: Wesley Bowman

Barbecue Bean Bake. You zip open two cans for this casserole. One can (16 to 18 ounce) pork and beans, one can (14 ounce) wieners with barbecue sauce. Cut the wieners in half as shown. Fill shallow baker with the contents of the two cans. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 20 minutes. This is a good, quick recipe to remember when supper's a rush order

Split for roasting





Frankwiches. Split 12 frankfurters not quite thru. Sandwich with stuffing as shown. Add Barbecue Sauce: Cook ½ cup chopped onion in hot fat; add 1 teaspoon each paprika and dry mustard, 4 teaspoons each sugar and Worcestershire sauce, dash tabasco sauce, ¼ cup catsup, 3 tablespoons vinegar. Cake rack will hold franks flat during baking. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes

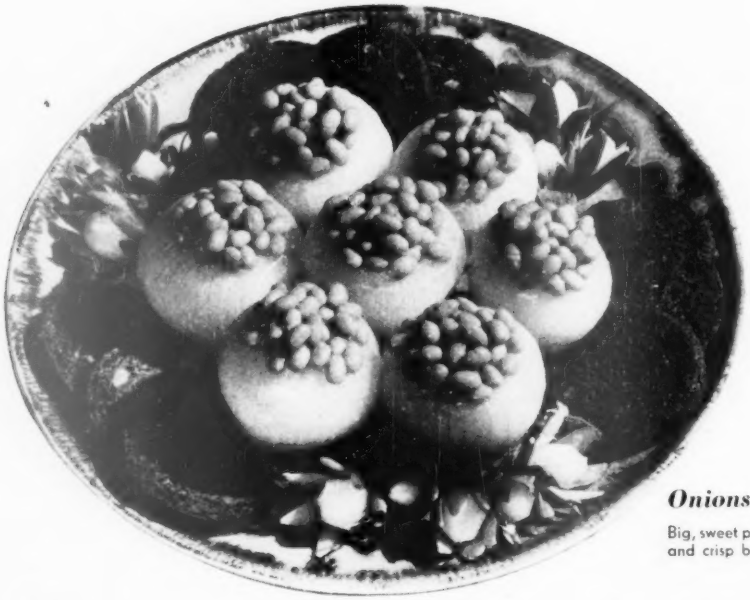
Slit and stuffed for the broiler

Frankfurter Puffs. Pour boiling water over 6 frankfurters; cover; let stand 8 minutes. Slit each frank lengthwise. Spread with mustard. Combine 2 cups well-seasoned mashed potatoes, ¼ cup minced onion, 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento, and ¼ cup chopped parsley. Brown in broiler or oven. Serve with sliced tomatoes, buttered green beans, and corn muffins

We're stuffed!

And when a pepper, a potato, a squash, an onion, or an eggplant is stuffed, it's not just a vegetable,
it's a moneysaving main dish

By Frances O'Connor



Onions

Big, sweet precooked onions are stuffed with baked beans and crisp bacon. Bake and serve with hot brown bread

Potatoes

Bake the potatoes in a hot oven (400°) 45 to 60 minutes. Then scoop out the centers, whip with hot milk and seasonings, as you would mashed potatoes. Fold in diced ham and grated cheese. Pile lightly into shells. Brown in hot oven

Avocados

Peel avocados; cut in half lengthwise. Season with salt and lemon juice. Fill with flaked crab meat and drizzle with mayonnaise blended with chili sauce. Serve with crisp, salty crackers for appetizer or salad. Garnish with carrot curls

Cabbage

Inside the cabbage are ground beef and pork mixed with chili sauce, onion, rice, and seasonings. Cook the bundles in a Dutch oven

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A SQUASH is a main dish when it's stuffed with country sausage and baked. So is a baked potato when its hot, mealy center is mashed and ham bits and grated cheese are folded in; and an onion when it's filled with baked beans and served with thick slices of brown bread.

You get a main-dish or appetizer *salad* when you stuff a tomato or an avocado with sea food. And mushroom caps stuffed with nuts, bits of bacon, and onion (we give you a recipe) become a gourmet's idea of what to eat with broiled lamb chops or T-bones.

Before the frost bites, while the fall gardens are still producing, try these vegetables stuffed for good eating.

Mushrooms

Stuffed mushrooms are perfect plate mates for broiled lamb chops or steaks. Chop mushroom stems and combine with onion, bacon bits, soft bread crumbs, some chili sauce, and lemon juice. Then bake in cream

Acorn squash

Cut squash crosswise instead of lengthwise and you'll get the scalloped effect you see in the picture. Bake squash cut side down in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Brown sausage balls; turn squash and stuff. Bake another 30 to 40 minutes

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Thirst Quenchers

Keep your family refreshed. Take a 5¢ package of Kool-Aid. Make a big, two-quart pitcher of delicious, cooling, full-flavored beverage. Keep it handy in the refrigerator. Serve refreshing Kool-Aid whenever thirst calls. SIX zestful, tangy flavors.

Frozen Desserts

1 package Kool-Aid (any flavor); 1 cup heavy cream; 2 cups milk; 1 cup sugar.

(1) Dissolve Kool-Aid and sugar in milk; turn into freezing tray and freeze ¾ to 1 hour (until slushy). (2) Whip cream (well chilled) until stiff. (3) Add partly frozen Kool-Aid mixture to whipped cream and whip just enough to mix well, but keep as cold as possible. (4) Return quickly to freezing tray and freeze at coldest point. Requires no more stirring. When frozen, set control back to normal. Makes over 1 quart. If desired lighter, beat 2 egg whites fluffy with 2 tablespoons sugar and fold into above mixture before final freezing.

Frozen Suckers

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6 FLAVORS

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FOOD NEWS

Macaroon mix makes 50 to 60 macaroons. You buy the mix in a 12-ounce can for about 49 cents. All you add to the contents of the can is the white of one egg. Bake the cookies 15 minutes if you like slightly chewy macaroons, 20 minutes if you like crisp, deep-tan macaroons.

White cake mix requires only the addition of milk. Counting baking, the cake takes only 30 minutes from the time you open the package till the cake is turned out of the pan.

Individual frozen servings of sliced turkey and dressing in gravy are packaged in parchment-lined containers, may be heated in the package.

Whole-wheat fig bars have fig centers with a whole-wheat cooky crust. Another new cooky is the apricot-peach bar. Looks like the fig bar except for its golden filling.

Date crystals are dried date bits that save you chopping and will keep for months. You add ¼ cup liquid to 1 cup date crystals to substitute for the 1 cup chopped dates the recipe calls for. Stir into cake or cooky batter as usual.

Mushroom steak sauce is a condensed, rich gravy with sliced mushrooms. Heat and serve it with roasts and broiled steaks or add it to spaghetti dishes. Or try adding ½ cup water to the sauce and pouring it over browned round steak. Cover the skillet and simmer meat till tender, and you have Swiss steak.

Chop suey now comes in a can. Pieces of pork and veal are combined with celery, onions, mushrooms, bean sprouts, brown sauce. Heat 10 to 20 minutes; serve over rice or French-fried noodles. A 1-pound can serves 2 to 4.

Orange-coconut tapioca pudding is a golden pudding flecked with coconut. You've probably tried vanilla and chocolate tapioca puddings. Orange-coconut is as easy to make.

Coconut pie now joins lemon and chocolate packaged pies on your grocer's shelves. Inside the box you'll find two bags. One holds the makings of a 9-inch piecrust, and the other holds the coconut filling mix. You add water to the pastry mix, roll, and bake. The filling is as simple to make as a packaged pudding.

Beef and gravy come in a one-pound can, make quick work of meat pie or stew. You can add about 1 cup hot water to contents of can, simmer 8 to 10 minutes, and serve with noodles, spaghetti, rice, or mashed potatoes.

Beef stew in a can is another short cut for the cook. It contains beef, slices of carrot, quartered potatoes, and brown gravy—enough to serve 2 or 3. Adding some fresh-cooked or canned vegetables makes more servings.

Grated-style tuna now comes in bite-sized pieces of all-white meat. It can be used in every tuna recipe—from sandwiches to casseroles.

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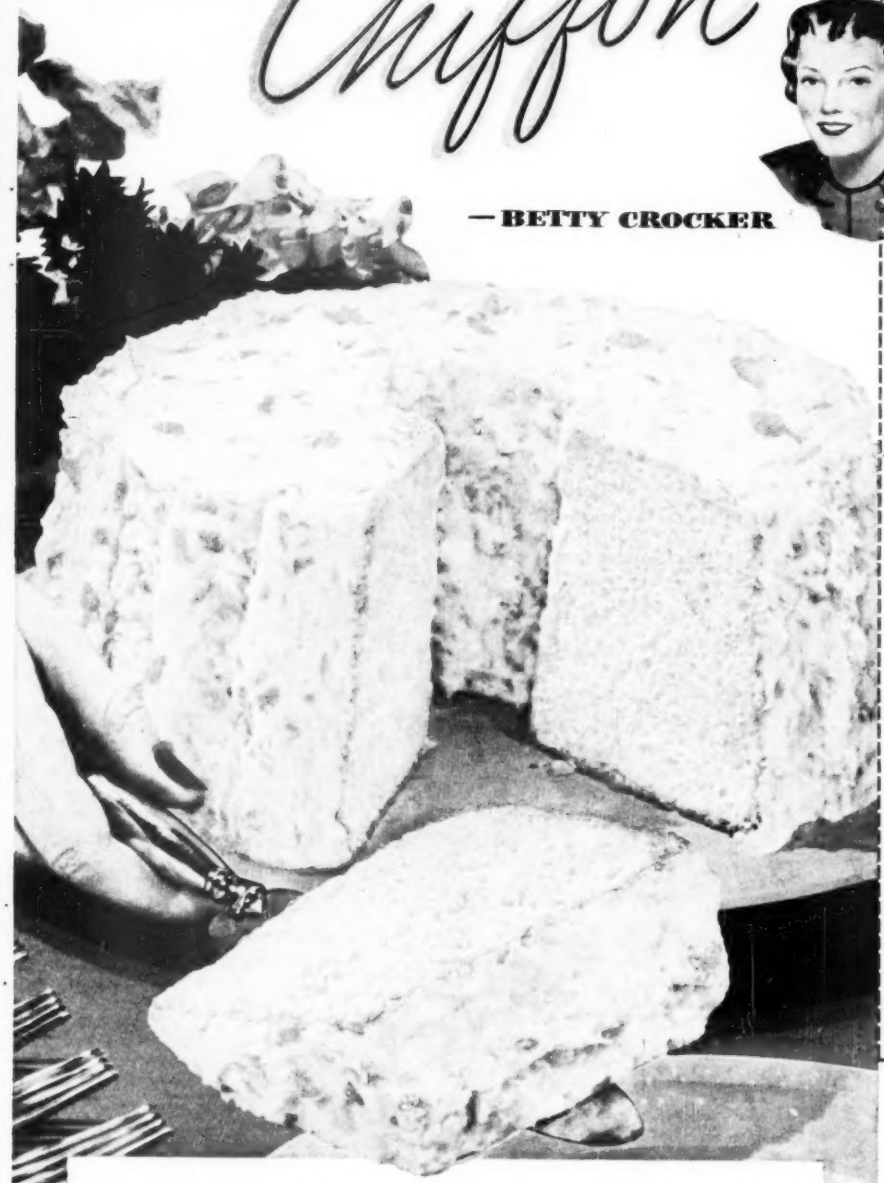
ROYAL HAWAIIAN

"Chiffon"

—BETTY CROCKER



Betty Crocker Royal Hawaiian "Chiffon" Cake

Makes 16 to 20 servings. Recipe developed for Gold Medal *"Kitchen-tested"* Enriched Flour only. For smaller 4-egg Maple Nut "Chiffon" cake (for square or loaf pan) see folder No. 49 in Gold Medal sacks or write Betty Crocker, Dept. 573, Minneapolis, Minn.

Heat oven to 325° (slow moderate).
Sift an ample amount of GOLD MEDAL Flour onto a square of paper.

STEP 1

Measure (level measurements thruout) and **sift** together into mixing bowl.....
- **2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL "*Kitchen-tested*" Enriched Flour (spoon lightly into cup, don't pack)**
- **1½ cups sugar**
- ***3 tsp. baking powder**
- ***1 tsp. salt**

Make a well and add in order.....
- **½ cup cooking (salad) oil such as Wesson or Mazola**
- **7 unbeaten egg yolks (medium-sized)**
- **¾ cup cold water**
- **2 tsp. vanilla**
- **grated rind of 1 lemon (about 2 tsp.)**

Beat with spoon until *smooth.*

STEP 2

Measure into *large* mixing bowl.....
- **1 cup egg whites (7 or 8)**
- **½ tsp. cream of tartar**

Whip until whites form *very stiff* peaks (picture 1). They should be much stiffer than for Angel Food or meringue. DO NOT UNDERBEAT.

STEP 3

Pour egg yolk mixture gradually over whipped egg whites —*gently* folding (picture 2) with rubber scraper *just* until blended. DO NOT STIR.

Pour into *ungreased* 10-in. tube pan, 4-in. deep, immediately.

Bake 55 *minutes* in *slow moderate oven* (325°), then increase to *moderate oven* (350°) for *10 to 15 minutes,* or until top springs back when *lightly* touched.

Note: Above recipe may also be baked in an oblong pan, 9x13x2-in. for *45 to 50 minutes* in *moderate oven* (350°).

Immediately turn pan upside down, placing tube part over neck of funnel or bottle, or resting edges of oblong pan on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen from sides and tube with spatula. Turn pan over, hit edge on table to loosen. Use Royal Hawaiian Icing below.

NOTE: *If you live at an altitude over 2,500 ft., write Betty Crocker, Minneapolis, Minn., for recipe adjustments.*

**If you use Self-Rising flour omit baking powder and salt.*

1. Whites must form VERY STIFF peaks

2. Fold down-over-up -over. DON'T STIR

ROYAL HAWAIIAN ICING (for 10-in. tube cake) Cream together thoroughly *2 tbsp. high grade shortening, 1 tbsp. butter, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar.* Add alternately *2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar* and *½ cup drained crushed pineapple. Beat* until creamy.

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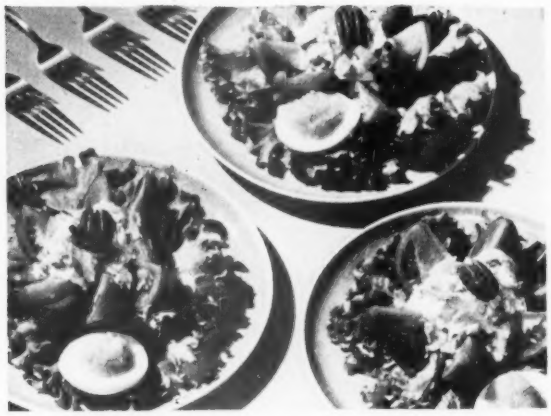
Tomatoes



A tomato, stuffed, becomes a main-dish salad. Cut each tomato in sections, not completely thru, fill with tuna salad, and top with a pecan

Peppers

You can eat the "baking dish" because it's a green pepper filled and baked with well-seasoned ground beef, chopped tomato, and fresh corn

Eggplant

An eggplant makes a pair of meat main dishes. Hollow out each half, dice portion you remove for a meaty stuffing. One eggplant serves 5

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Sizzling steak on

Broil steak cubes till they're brown and sizzling, serve juicy meat balls hot off the skewer. You'll like the flavor; you'll like the unique way of serving

Steak on skewers

1 Dip skewers in salad oil; spear 2-inch cubes lamb or beef sirloin, ½-inch slices of onion, pieces of bacon, mushrooms; salt and pepper. Meat has marinated 3 hours to 6 hours in this mixture: 2 tablespoons each salad oil, lemon juice, wine vinegar (optional), 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 clove garlic, minced, and 1 onion, sliced

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Sizzling steak on skewers—some treat!

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Steak broiled on skewers

3 Din-ner! Push broiled morsels (steak, bacon, mushrooms, onion) from skewer with blade of knife, onto hot buttered rice. Serve corn on the cob, green salad, crusty rolls, and big pears, cold and juicy, for dessert

Meat balls on skewers. For 3 or 4, you'll need 1 pound ground beef. Add 1½ teaspoons salt, pepper, 1½ tablespoons minced onion, 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce. Shape meat into small balls. Alternate with ½-inch onion slices. Add 1 or 2 small tomatoes to skewer. Broil 10 to 12 minutes. Turn at least once. Pass barbecue sauce

To serve food on a skewer. Place tip of skewer on plate as in picture; push tidbits off with knife. Here broiled chicken is served with broiled pineapple cubes, glazed stuffed prunes, spiced whole pears or apricots, and banana. Broil 5 minutes; brush occasionally with melted butter

onions have been partially precooked. Put tomatoes on the tips of the skewers the last 10 minutes so they stay whole yet heat thru. Season well with salt and pepper. Pass barbecue sauce. Serve buttered Vienna bread

skewers—some treat!

THE ancient Caucasus mountain folk speared bite-sized pieces of meat on a sword and broiled them over a fire. Today, you buy skewers and broil meat chunks on an outdoor grill, in the broiler of your range, or over the glowing coals of a campfire.

Here we show you how to skewer and broil tender steak cubes, juicy meat balls, and fruits. Meats are extra delicious cooked kabob fashion—each morsel is browned all around, comes to the table piping hot with that good sizzling-steak flavor.

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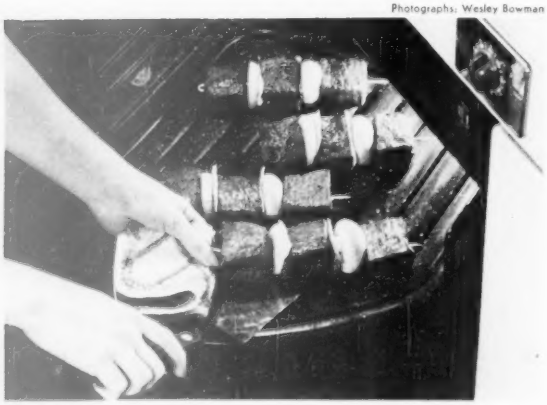

2 Broil meat on skewers just as you would steak. Food is 3 inches from the heat here. Brush meat with remaining marinating oil. Then broil 6 to 8 minutes on each side. To turn kabob, hold skewer handle with pot holder as shown in picture, guide skewer with spatula. See Step 3, page 76

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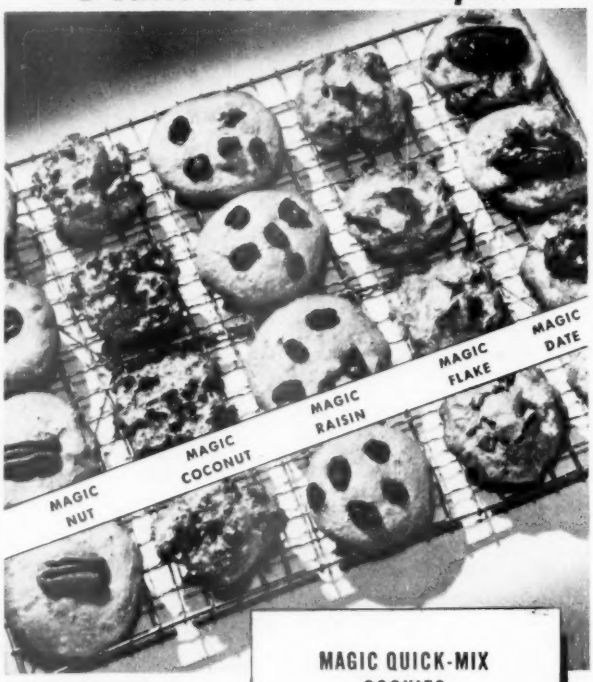
Magic Quick-Mix Cookies

5 varieties from 1 recipe!



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2) **3 cups shredded coconut**
3) **2 cups raisins**
4) **2 cups corn flakes**
5) **2 cups chopped dates**

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Concord Tarts

Filling has a little grated lemon peel—

- 3 cups Concord grapes
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine

Slip skins from grapes. Heat pulp to boiling; press thru sieve to remove seeds. Mix sugar, flour, salt, and lemon peel. Add skins and pulp. Fill pastry-lined tart pans; dot with butter. Make grape-leaf cutouts in top crust. Adjust top crusts; seal and flute edges. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. Sprinkle grape-leaf cutouts with sugar; bake separately; tuck in top crust. Serves 6.—*Mrs. John Bennett, San Antonio, Texas.*

Grape Upside-Down Cake

Grapes are on top of the batter when they go to the oven—

- 2 pounds Concord grapes
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 1/4 cups cake flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Wash grapes; separate skins from pulp. Cook pulp until soft; sieve to remove seeds. Add skins; stir in 3/4 cup sugar and cook till skins are tender, about 15 minutes. There should be about 2 cups pulp. Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl. Add shortening, 1/2 cup milk, eggs, and vanilla. Beat *2 minutes.* Add remaining milk; beat *30 seconds.* Pour into well-greased 9- by 12-inch pan. Spread grape pulp over top of batter. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 45 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream. Serves 12. *Note:* Grape layer sinks to bottom during baking to make upside-down cake.—*Mrs. Kathryn B. Gerlach, Indianapolis, Indiana.*

Grape Conserve Dessert Tray

A luscious spread to can now for the winter dessert tray and for breakfast toast—

- 4 pounds Concord grapes
- 8 cups sugar
- 3 medium-sized oranges
- 2 lemons
- 2 cups broken California walnuts

Wash grapes; separate skins from pulp. Cook pulp until soft; sieve to remove seeds. Add skins; stir in sugar. Juice oranges and lemons. Very thinly slice orange and lemon peels; cover with cold water and heat to boiling. Drain; add to grape mixture with fruit juices. Cook till thick, about 40 minutes. Add walnuts. Seal in hot, sterilized glasses. Makes 14 six-ounce glasses. Serve with crisp crackers and wedges of cheese.—*Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, San Francisco, California.*

CASSEROLES

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Casseroles

Jack-Pot Casserole

From 1 pound of meat a man-sized meal—

- 1 pound round steak, ground
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 10 1/2- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 8-ounce package noodles
- Salt and pepper
- 1 No. 2 can (2 1/2 cups) cream-style corn
- 1/4 cup chopped ripe olives
- 1 cup grated American cheese

Brown meat in hot fat. Add onion; cook until golden. Add tomato soup, water, and noodles. Cook till noodles are tender, stirring frequently. Season to taste. Add corn, olives, and 1/2 cup grated cheese. Pour into greased 2-quart casserole. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serves 8.—*Margaret McCormick, Sterling, Illinois.*

Dried-Beef Casserole

Fifteen minutes—and it's out of the oven to eat—

- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ pound dried beef, shredded
- ¼ cup fat
- 4 tablespoons enriched flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups cooked macaroni (1 cup uncooked)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- ⅓ cup grated American cheese

Cook onion, celery, and dried beef in hot fat until onions are golden. Stir in flour; add milk gradually and stir till slightly thickened. Add macaroni, seasonings, and parsley. Pour into greased 1½-quart casserole. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 15 minutes. Serves 6.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Toner, Yeadon, Pennsylvania.*

Louisiana Shrimp

Bake individuals for your bridge luncheon or a big casserole for the family's dinner—

- ½ cup sliced onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 cup cooked rice (⅓ cup uncooked or ½ cup converted)
- 1 7-ounce can (1 cup) shrimp, diced
- 1 cup light cream or top milk
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons catsup
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup dry bread crumbs

Cook onion in butter till golden. Combine with remaining ingredients except bread crumbs. Pour into individual shells or greased 1-quart casserole. Top with buttered crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 20 to 30 minutes. Serves 5 to 6.—*Gail Hardwick, Point Pleasant, New York.*

Quick-Baked Bean Casserole

A can of deviled ham is added for extra goodness—

- 1 cup sliced onion
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 3-ounce can deviled ham
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 No. 2 cans (2½ cups) pork and beans
- 2 tomatoes, peeled and sliced, or 1 cup well-drained, canned tomatoes

Cook onion in hot fat until golden. Combine remaining ingredients except tomatoes. Alternate layers of bean mixture and onion and tomato slices in greased 1½-quart casserole. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.—*Mrs. Fred Fiemap, St. Louis, Missouri.*

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Desserts

Grape-Nut Whip

Serve it for dessert or in a lettuce cup for salad—

- 2 well-beaten eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1 cup spoon-sized cubes pineapple, drained
- 1 cup sliced red Tokay grapes
- 2 cups diced marshmallows
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts

Combine eggs, sugar, and lemon juice in double boiler. Cook over hot water till slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Cool. Fold in remaining ingredients. Chill 5 to 6 hours, or overnight, in refrigerator. Serve in sherbets. Top each with a cut maraschino cherry. Serves 8.—*Mrs. R. J. O'Connor, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.*

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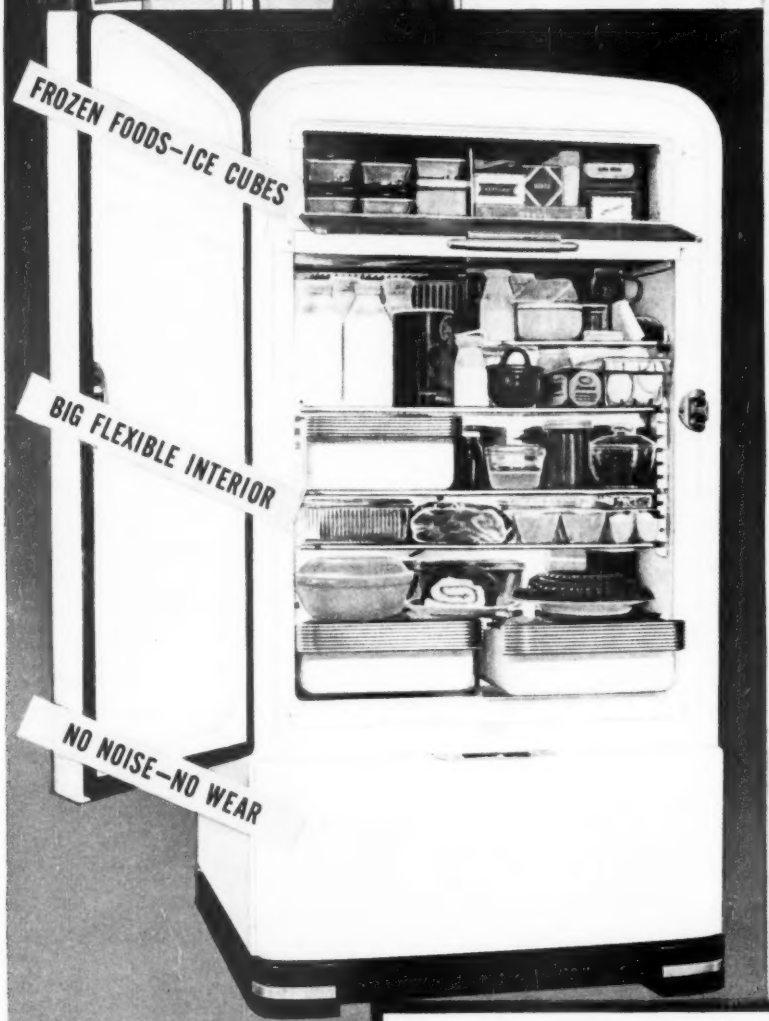

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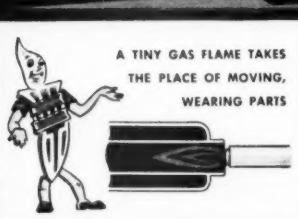
- ✓ **Handy egg tray**
- ✓ **Two dew-action vegetable fresheners**



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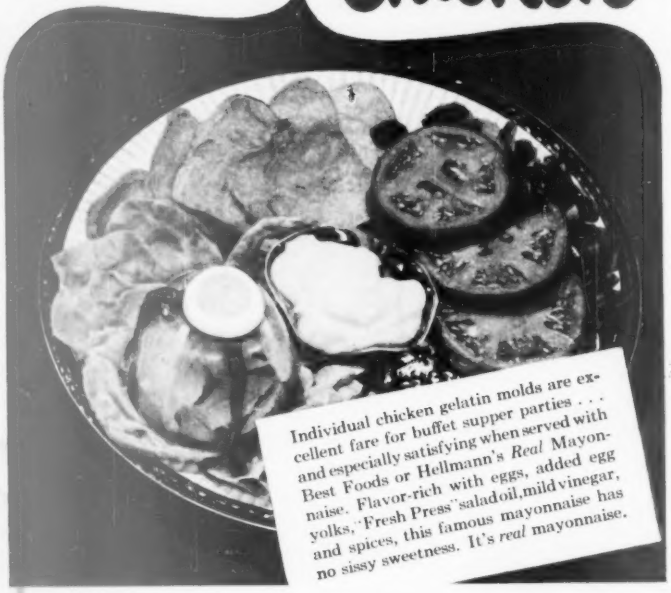
to be as good with Chicken



Individual chicken gelatin molds are excellent fare for buffet supper parties . . . and especially satisfying when served with Best Foods or Hellmann's *Real* Mayonnaise. Flavor-rich with eggs, added egg yolks, "Fresh Press" salad oil, mild vinegar, and spices, this famous mayonnaise has no sissy sweetness. It's *real* mayonnaise.

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Peanut-butter caramel sauce

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Butter-crust muffins

Peanut-butter muffins piping hot from the oven, ready to eat with butter and jelly. This and other recipes are on page 86

sandwiches

peanut-butter jar

Crisscrosses

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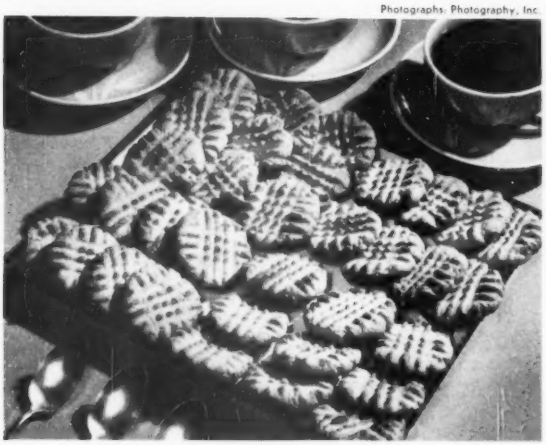

Peanut-butter cookies are tender and crisp. You form the dough in balls, then make the crisscross design with a fork

Peanut-butter spice bars

These bar cookies are especially good warm from the oven with a crest of confectioners' sugar. An 8-inch panful makes 2 dozen bars to serve with hot coffee or tea, or cold milk

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Recipe for "LOBSTER SHORTCAKE"

Bake four individual shortcakes. Meanwhile, prepare one pint of buttery cream sauce and add: one can of lobster including juice; one small can of mushroom "buttons" including juice; 8 stuffed green olives, sliced; dash of cayenne; salt; 2 tablespoonfuls sherry. Split shortcakes while hot, dot inside with butter or margarine, and replace halves. Smother with piping-hot lobster mixture. Serves 4 very generously.

Out of your peanut-butter jar

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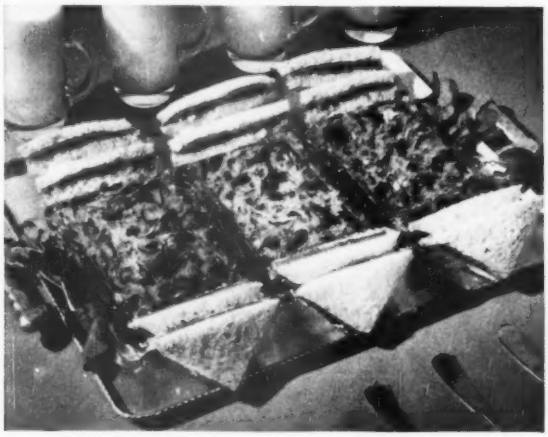
Apple crumble

Apple Crumble is like apple crisp, only topping is a delicious mix of brown sugar, peanut butter, butter, and oatmeal

Peanut-butter sandwich fillings



You have a choice of three fillings. One is crunchy with carrots and celery; one has raisins; one is peanut butter, pickle

Recipes with peanut butter

Peanut-Butter Caramel Sauce

- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup light or dark corn syrup
- ¼ cup light cream or top milk
- 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter

Combine sugar, syrup, and cream; cook about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; add butter. Cool. Stir in peanut butter. Serve on vanilla ice cream; top with chopped peanuts.

Crisscrosses

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons soda

Thoroly cream shortening, vanilla, and sugar. Add eggs; beat thoroly. Stir in peanut butter, then sifted dry ingredients. Form into tiny balls with the palms of hands; place on greased cooky sheet. Press

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"Satina in my starch makes ironing 3 times easier!"

WRITES MRS. STANLEY M. SCHULER, COS COB, CONN.

MRS. SCHULER, pictured here with her two young daughters, Randy and Cary, writes:

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Try MAPLE NUT CHIFFON...it's easy!

Preheat oven to 325° (slow mod.). Sift flour. Chop nuts.

STEP 1 Measure (level) and sift together
- 1 cup *sifted* Gold Medal Flour (spoon lightly, don't pack)
- ⅔ cup (¼ cup plus 2 tbsp.) sugar
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix in
- ⅔ cup brown sugar (packed in cup)

Make a well and add in order
- ¼ cup Wesson Oil (measures easy, mixes easy)
- 3 unbeaten egg yolks
- ⅔ cup cold water
- 1 tsp. maple flavor

Beat with spoon until smooth.

STEP 2 Whip to form *very stiff* peaks.
- ½ cup egg whites (about 4)
- ¼ tsp. cream of tartar

Do not underbeat. (Beat stiffer than for angel food or meringue.)

STEP 3 – Pour egg yolk mixture gradually over whipped egg whites, *gently* folding with rubber scraper *just* until blended. DO NOT STIR.

Gently fold in with few strokes
- ½ cup *very* finely chopped nuts

Pour immediately into *ungreased* loaf pan, 5 x 10 x 3 in. Bake 50 to 55 min. in slow moderate oven (325°) or until top springs back when *lightly* touched. Turn pan upside down, resting edges on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen sides with spatula; turn pan over and hit edge sharply on table to loosen. 8 to 10 servings. Delicious plain..."*extra-delish*" with Browned Butter Icing.

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BROWNED BUTTER ICING: Melt slowly until lightly browned ¼ cup butter. Blend with 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, 2 tbsp. cream, 1 tsp. Wesson Oil, 1½ tsp. vanilla. Stir in 1 tbsp. hot water; stir to smooth spreading consistency.

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for baking—for salads

WESSON WONDER-BROWNIES

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. double-action baking powder
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- ⅔ cup Wesson Oil
- 2 sq. cooking chocolate, melted
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup nuts, coarsely chopped

Sift flour, baking powder, salt. Beat sugar into eggs; mix in Wesson Oil, chocolate, vanilla. Add flour, all at once; mix well. Add nuts. Turn into Wesson-Oiled pan (7 x 11). Bake in mod. oven (350°) 20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes; turn out of pan, cut into 16 squares. *Easy?* Yes, Wesson Oil measures and mixes as easy as water. *Good?*...M-m! delicate Wesson Oil *reveals* fine flavors!

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These kitchen tools

Here are 10 clever gadgets and 14 of the many kitchen jobs they can short-cut for you

Bean slicer

Bean slicer strings and slices green beans in one operation. First you take off the ends of the bean with the blade across the end of the tool. Then you push the bean thru the slicer as shown. Strings are stripped off and bean is cut into strips. These Frenched beans cook more quickly

Grater, shredder, slicer

Grater, shredder, slicer—all in one tool. Here we're grating cheese with a rotor punched with small holes. The cucumber was sliced with the rotor that has sharp-edged slots; carrot was shredded with rotor at bottom of picture. You can grate chocolate or coconut, slice potatoes or onions

make cooking easier

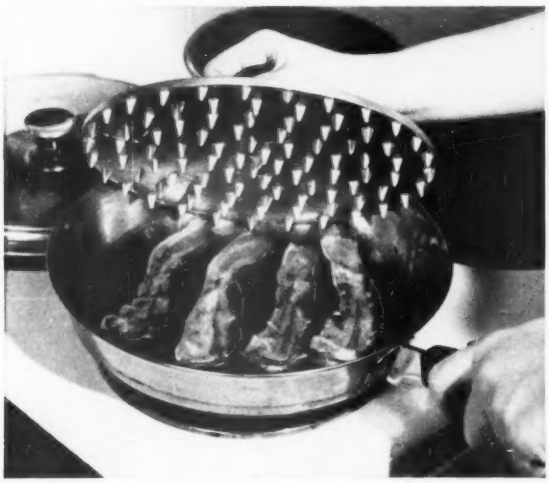
By Mary E. Carrick

Fruit juicer

Photographs: Stanley

Fruit juicer gives you more juice for little effort. One flip down of the handle squeezes juice into plastic pitcher. Corrugated cone extracts juice without releasing bitter oil. Teeth in lid and around bottom of cone press juice from the pulp. One flip up of the handle tilts the lid back

Pronged Lid



Pronged lid is for pan-broiling bacon and steaks. It rests on top of meat to prevent curling and splattering. It's aluminum, heats quickly. You don't have to turn the bacon—the hot lid cooks the top. Lid can also be used as cover for platter to keep meat hot while you are making gravy

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with back of a fork to make criss-cross. Dough may also be rolled and cut if desired. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 10 minutes. Makes 50 to 60 small cookies.

Butter-Crust Muffins

1 cup enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon sugar
½ cup corn meal
1 cup milk
1 beaten egg
¼ cup peanut butter
1 tablespoon melted shortening or salad oil

Sift together flour, salt, baking powder, and sugar. Stir in corn meal. Combine milk, egg, peanut butter, and melted shortening; add to dry ingredients. Mix only till flour is moistened. Fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. Makes 12 medium-sized muffins.

Peanut-Butter Spice Bars

¼ cup shortening
2 tablespoons peanut butter
¼ cup brown sugar
1 well-beaten egg
2 tablespoons molasses
¾ cup enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup milk

Thoroly cream shortening, peanut butter and sugar. Add egg and molasses; beat thoroly. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Spread in oiled 8-inch square cake pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen bars.

Apple Crumble

5 apples, pared and sliced (about 3 cups)
⅓ cup water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
¾ teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons enriched flour
¾ cup quick-cooking oats
½ cup brown sugar
⅓ cup peanut butter
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine

Arrange sliced apples in baking dish. Sprinkle with water, lemon juice, and cinnamon. Combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Spread on apples. Bake in slow oven (300°) about 50 minutes. Serves 6.

Peanut-Butter Sandwich Fillings

Crunchy:

½ cup peanut butter
½ cup chopped celery leaves
½ cup grated carrots
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
⅛ teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients. Mix well. Makes 1 cup.

Sweet:

½ cup peanut butter
½ cup raisins, ground
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 to 2 tablespoons honey
Few grains salt

Combine ingredients. Mix well. Makes ¾ cup.

Tart:

½ cup peanut butter
⅓ cup chopped pickles or pickle relish
2 tablespoons mayonnaise

Combine ingredients. Mix well. Makes 1 cup.

late summer SPECIAL

by Betty Crocker

Hot Tomato Soup
Golden Cheese Biscuits
Chef's Salad
Layered Fruit Cream Pie
Coffee Milk

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GOLDEN CHEESE BISCUITS, so tempting and fragrant, hot from the oven. Tender and feathery light, flecked with bits of golden cheese. Extra zestful and flavory if you use sharp, aged cheese. And so easy to make!

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CHEF'S SALAD: *Rub salad bowl with a cut clove of garlic. Toss crisp salad greens with French dressing, chopped hard-cooked eggs, slivered cooked meat (chicken, luncheon meat or ham.) Delicious!*

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Layered Fruit Cream Pie: Just pour cooled vanilla pudding into a flaky baked pie shell. Top with a layer of sweetened puréed apricot flavored with a little grated lemon rind and juice. Then a layer of whipped cream. Luscious, colorful and so easy.

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Relish trays make easy salads

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Salad Carousel

Simple to arrange and handsome as a salad for the dinner table or the buffet, or as an appetizer tray. Choose a big chop plate. Set a bowl in the center of the plate. Set a goblet or tall glass in the center of the bowl; fill in with finely crushed ice. The glass sprouts crisp, cold celery; the bowl holds radishes (leave on some green leaves), stuffed and ripe olives, and tiny sweet pickles. Circling the bowl are tomato slices and thin slices of crisp, sweet Bermuda onion. Salad eggs are in the outer circle.

Trio Tray

This time use your divided dish. One section holds sweet red- and green-pepper slices. One is lined with ruffly garden lettuce, then filled with creamy cottage cheese. Snip chives over the top, stripe with pimiento. Pickled peaches or apricots occupy the next section. It's a salad that's a lot easier for you, and folks like the pick-and-choose idea.

Stuffed Tomato Relish Tray

The last of the garden tomatoes are smaller but they have that wonderful vine-ripened flavor. Hollow them out a little, fill with crisp coleslaw (season with a little salt, pepper, sugar, oil, and vinegar, or use your own recipe). Each one takes a tomato. Topknot is parsley. Cut long, slim sticks of crisp carrot. Pare the cucumber, mark it with the tines of a fork, then slice. Arrange slices in V at each end of tray. Fill in with parsley.

Nibble and Crunch Salad

Put this relish tray on the table within easy reaching distance of the nibblers. Or pass it. There are quarters of tomato, nippy water cress, carrot curls, and raw cauliflowerets. The carrot curls you make with the vegetable parer shown on page 89. Cut carrot in thin lengthwise strips. Roll each strip and fasten with a toothpick. Crisp an hour in ice water, drain, then remove the toothpicks.

Fruit Salad Tray

You could pass this fruit tray either as a salad or a dessert. The avocado halves are filled with juicy orange sections. Center strip is cool bunches of purple and red grapes. Alongside are slices of golden pineapple, water cress, and a cluster of maraschino cherries, stems on. Offer mayonnaise and French dressing.

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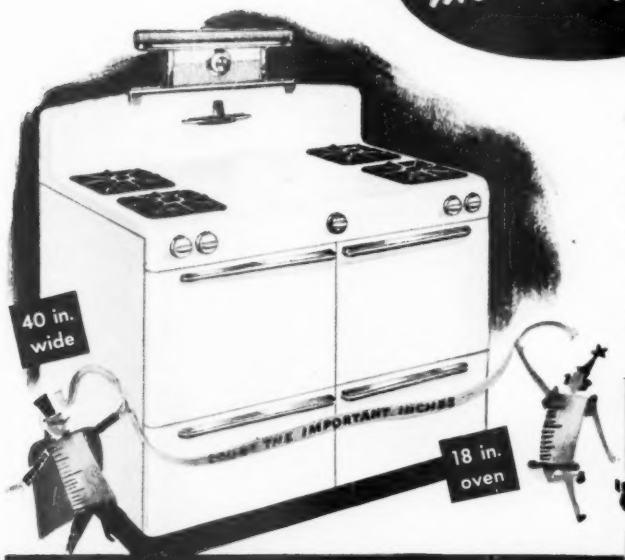

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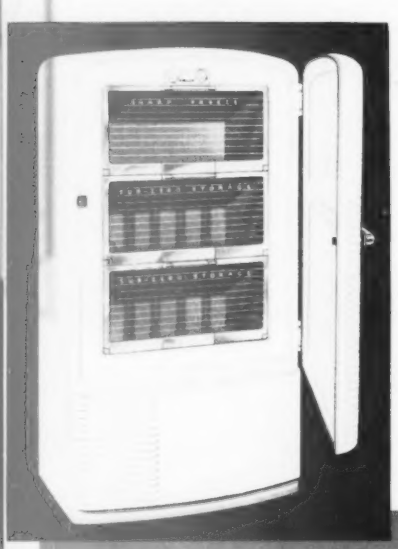

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RECIPES FOR

Chicken dinners

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Fried Chicken

Follow this recipe for a platter of fried chicken that's tender, crusty, and golden brown—

Rub seasoned flour into pieces of chicken. For each pound of chicken, mix ¼ cup enriched flour, 1 teaspoon paprika, ½ teaspoon salt, and about ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Save any leftover flour to thicken the gravy.

Heat enough fat in a heavy skillet to give a depth of about ½ inch. A drop of water should sizzle when temperature of fat is just hot enough.

Start meaty pieces first, slipping less meaty pieces in between as chicken browns. Avoid crowding; use two skillets if necessary.

As soon as chicken begins to brown (takes about 10 minutes), reduce heat, and cook slowly till tender, 30 to 60 minutes, depending on size of pieces. Cover tightly as soon as chicken is a light, uniform tan.

Turn 2 or 3 times with 2 spoons or fork and spoon to brown and cook evenly. Avoid piercing with fork.

Add 1 to 2 tablespoons water before covering, especially if pan cannot be covered tightly, or if bird is heavier than 3 pounds.

Uncover last 15 minutes to recrisp skin if desired. The liver and precooked heart, gizzard, and neck may be floured and browned with chicken the last 15 minutes. (Simmer neck, heart, and gizzard 1 hour in seasoned water.)

Marble Cake

It's old-fashioned marble cake. But it's mixed the new quick way—

2 cups cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1¼ cups sugar
½ cup shortening
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 1-ounce square unsweetened chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon cloves

Sift dry ingredients together into mixing bowl. Add shortening, ½ cup milk, and vanilla. Beat vigorously *2 minutes*. Add remaining ½ cup milk and unbeaten eggs. Beat *2 minutes*. Divide batter into two parts. To half of the batter add chocolate and spices. Alternate light and dark batters by spoonfuls in 8- by 12-inch pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 35 to 40 minutes. Cool and frost with **Creamy Chocolate Frosting:** Heat together ¼ cup water and 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine; add ½ teaspoon vanilla and 2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted. Stir in 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar; beat till spreading consistency.

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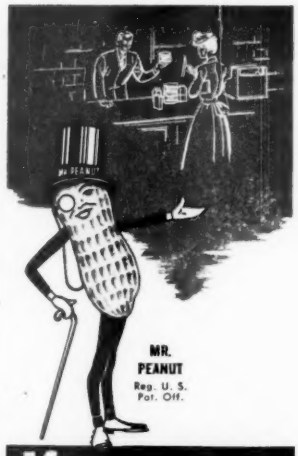

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These kitchen tools make cooking easier

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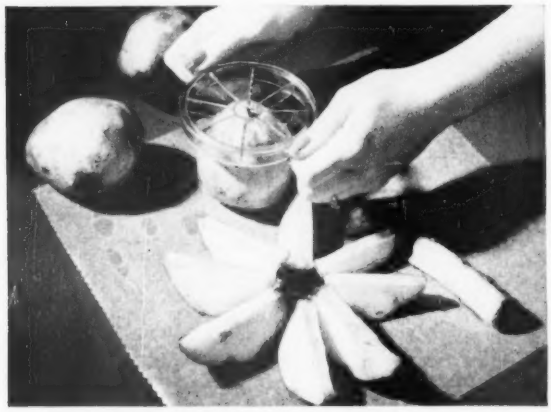
Fisherman's shears have jagged edge beneath blades for scraping off fish scales, a serrated sharp blade for cutting the fish, and a slotted point on one of the handles for extracting hooks. Handles are notched for loosening screw caps (see center of handle), have bottle opener



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Little electric mixer is portable with extra long cord (8 feet) to give you room to rove. You hold it in your hand—beat batter (we're making popovers in the picture), eggs, and frostings, blend gravies, froth beverages in the glass. It has a wall bracket where it hangs when not in use

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Lazy Susan refrigerator tray is a revolving metal base with five triangular, covered glass dishes. One whirl and the apricots are in the front row. Roomy glass jars with lids offer ample space for such foods as whole fruit and the butter balls you've made ahead for the party

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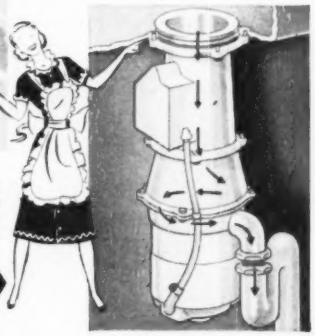

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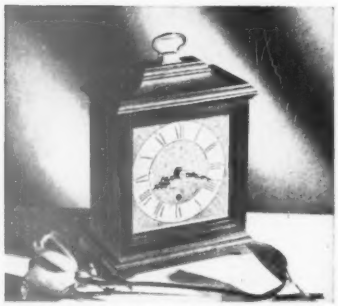

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How to teach your child to say

Thank you

By Helen Miller Swift

WHEN you teach Johnny to say thank you, are you sure you teach him to mean it and *want* to say it, or is it an empty phrase?

A child should learn thank you because it is the polite thing to do; but the whole thing goes deeper than that. Behind any gift lies thought, time, effort, money, and sometimes sacrifice. Johnny should realize that.

A few weeks ago *my* Johnny's grandmother brought him a present from Vermont. It was a puzzle, because she knows he likes puzzles. What's more, it was a train puzzle, because she knows he likes those best of all. Johnny's grandmother has arthritis and has a hard time getting around. Yet, because she wanted to bring him a gift, she shopped for it.

SHOULD Johnny have mumbled a thank you, taken the puzzle, and disappeared with it for good? Or should he have stood before his grandmother, stammered, and tried to make a speech of gratitude?

Neither. A child cannot be taught or forced to understand things beyond his ability. Johnny, for instance, can't really appreciate the effort his grandmother went to. But he *can* understand that he got a puzzle instead of a book because his grandmother wanted to make him happy. He, in turn, can make her happy by acknowledging the puzzle in the best way he can.

It is easy to make any Johnny aware of Grandmother's thoughtfulness, but you must do it subtly and casually. Not in front of the whole family, including Grandmother. In our case, bedtime, when Johnny had to put the new puzzle "just so" in order to see it first thing in the morning, was a good time.

"What a nice puzzle," I said. "Don't you love it?"

The answer, of course, was "yes."

"Wouldn't it be nice to tell Grandmother so in the morning? She was very thoughtful to remember your favorite toy is a train puzzle, wasn't she? She would be happy to know how much you like it."

It worked. He went right to her room next morning, and I heard him say, "I love my puzzle very much, Grandma." Then I could hear them hug and kiss each other.

A FEW days ago Johnny's father came home with a small train whistle, which Johnny especially wanted. It was green—his favorite color. He was thrilled with it in every way and said "thank you" promptly. That night at bedtime he said, "It's green, Mummy. Oh, I love my new whistle!"

"Why don't you tell that to Daddy?" I asked. "He would be glad to know you love it so much."

"My whistle is green, Daddy, and I like it very much," he called down the stairs.

Two days later Daddy brought home a red fire-engine whistle. Johnny's openhearted thank you brought his father enough happiness to bring Johnny an extra dividend!

To be sure, my Johnny forgets to say thank you *sometimes*. So will your Johnny. But you shouldn't be discouraged.

If you keep on suggesting that Johnny say thank you, and mean it, and if you show him how by your own example, gratitude will become instinctive with him.

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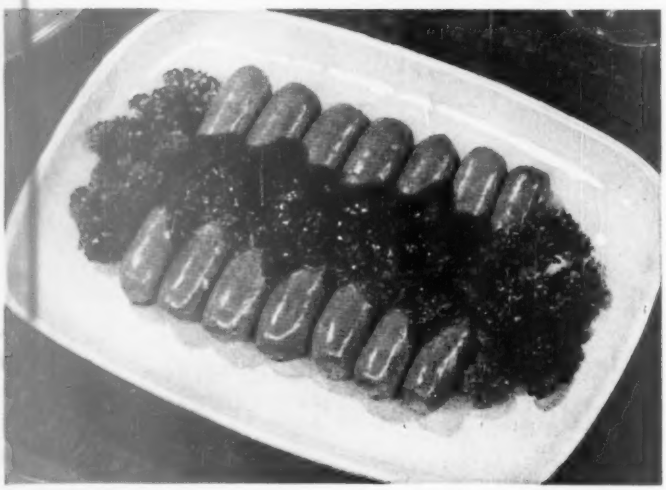

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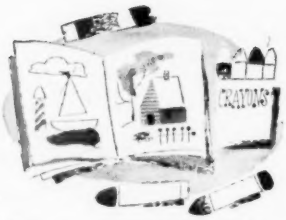
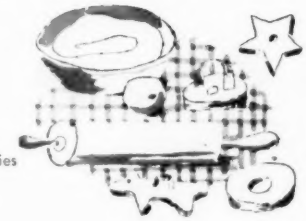


Crayons start rainy-day play off right

Clay becomes horses, cars, men

Solving the



Every child likes to cut cookies

Stormy weather needn't mean stormy tempers if you have supplies on hand for indoor play

"I CAN'T do a thing with my 4-year-old when she has to stay indoors," an exasperated mother told me the other day. "She's always getting underfoot, and by the time her father comes home we're really in each other's hair."

So I told her about my "rainy-day cupboard."

There's nothing better for the "I got nothing to do" doldrums and to keep a youngster busy when it's no good playing outside.

Such a cupboard is easy to fix up, and it's inexpensive. And it'll do wonders for your peace of mind on a dew-dew-dewy day.

You can start with crayons or blocks and add variety with finger paint, dough, and clay. What's more, you'll find it fun to make these materials at home. I'll tell you how a little later.

Paints, paper, dough, clay, and blocks give a child a chance to use his ingenuity. He need not stick to the things that an adult or a playmate would make. It's fun to watch his own ideas take shape.

Three-year-old Sammy worked intently on a small piece of dough. He pushed it here, flattened it there, and not until the last detail had been scrutinized did he proudly show it to his daddy.

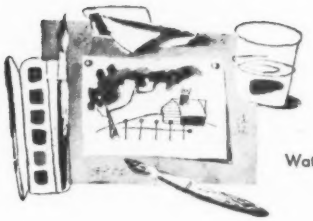
"Lookit my car," he exclaimed. Altho Sammy's dad would never have been able to identify it if Sammy hadn't said it was a car, Sammy satisfied his creative urge to make something, and that is all that matters.

I watched a little girl recently who found it difficult to express herself in words. But she obtained a lot of satisfaction with her paints. Each brilliant splash of red or green suggested something very real to her. Standing before an easel with a paintbrush in her hand, she talked more freely than at any other time.

There's a difference in the way children respond. Some spend a half hour on one painting. Others make three or four in the same time. In either event, let your child alone, and let him paint the way he wants.

You can make him an inexpensive easel from two sheets of plywood hinged together at the top and raised on legs. If the front and back legs are connected with a small chain, the easel may be pushed flat against a wall when it's not in use. A shelf or box at the lower edge of the plywood can hold jars of paint.

Plain white newsprint, approximately 18 by 24 inches, absorbs paint rapidly, and the size allows for large, sweeping movements. Butchers' paper, the back of wall-



Water paints make a splash of color

rainy-day play problem

Finger painting aids self-expression

By Helen Benson Massart
University of Washington Nursery School

paper, wrapping paper, and the finely printed sections of newspapers may also be used.

If you don't have an easel, spread the paper on tables or the floor. For such painting, a muffin tin makes a good paint container.

Brushes should be the ½-inch round type about 10 inches long. You can buy powder paints at any paint or school-supply store. They may be labeled dry tempera, art colors, or poster paints. Be sure the paint's nonpoisonous and washes out of clothing easily.

My own 2-year-old dons her painting apron and spreads newspapers on the floor. Both of us can enjoy painting time without constant warnings about spilling.

The material for one of the most desirable outlets for self-expression . . . finger painting . . . may be made at home. When a child finger-paints, he needs no tool but his own hands. With his hands, he manipulates the paint on damp paper.

Watch any youngster finger-paint, and you can sense the great satisfaction he is getting from the "feel" of finger paint. Even very young children enjoy this creative activity because they are unhampered by tools. It's easy to make your own fingers do what you want them to do.

Butchers' paper, finger-painting paper, or any other paper with a high gloss, such as washable shelf paper, may be used. Sheets should be approximately 18 by 24 inches. Wet the paper on both sides, then smooth it out on a table top with the glossy side up. If no suitable paper is available, Johnny can finger-paint on a painted table top or a piece of oilcloth stretched over a table. The only drawback is that the "picture" can't be preserved.

When a finger-painting on paper has thoroly dried, it can be pressed with a warm iron on the wrong side and hung or mounted. Many children like to make their own pictures for their rooms and change them frequently.

The following tested recipes, used at the University of Washington Nursery School, will help you stock your rainy-day cupboard:

Cooked Finger Paint

½ cup pulverized laundry starch
¼ cup cold water
1½ cups boiling water
½ cup soap flakes (not granulated)
1 tablespoon glycerin

Mix starch with cold water, stirring to form a smooth paste. Add boiling water, stirring vigorously, and cook over a low flame until

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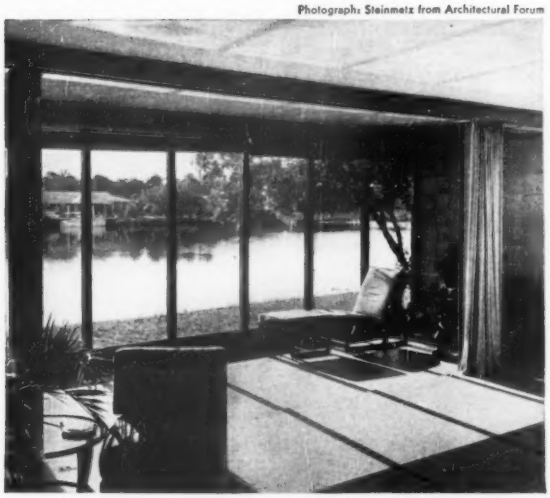
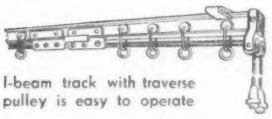


Ceiling draperies can be hung from the track on rings or hooks—and the working parts covered by cornice boards set at right angles to the ceiling, as here

WOULD you like to separate your living-dining room at mealtime? Do you wish you could shut off one corner of your bedroom for the baby?

Ceiling-track curtains are an answer whenever you want to make two rooms out of one. Their usefulness depends on the track itself, however, so get the best hardware advice before investing in it. You can install the track yourself, or have the work done by the store where you buy it.

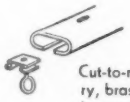
Kind of tracks. If you want a traverse pulley across the room, an I beam lets you control ventilation, light, and privacy with a slight pull on a cord. I beams come in 12- and 16-foot spans of aluminum (which can be bent to fit any shape) or steel. Either can be cut to any shorter length. Standard track is heavy enough to carry the average drapery—chintz, mohair,



I-beam track with traverse pulley is easy to operate

or heavy cotton—plus a sateen lining. For heavier material, use an I-beam heavy-duty rod. When the hooks or rings are in place on the traverse track, the drapery pulls easily. Use separate cords on each side for a curve or corner; or pull the drapery by hand—either by grasping the drapery or by pulling a cord sewn to the first ring of each curtain.

A second type of ceiling track is available in brass finish (and may be painted to match the ceiling), statuary bronze, or ivory. You can



Cut-to-measure track in ivory, brass, or bronze finish is good for light draperies

cut the track to any length you need. It's especially good for light draperies, but the steel sliders can support heavy draperies if necessary.

Cutting the drapery. To make draperies for such fabric walls, measure the height from floor to ceiling. Add 6 inches (after the material has been pre-shrunk) to allow for a 3-inch hem and 3-inch turnover at the top. Multiply the track length by 2 to find out how many fabric widths you'll need. If the track is short, multiply its length by 1½ so the draperies won't look clumsy or bulky.

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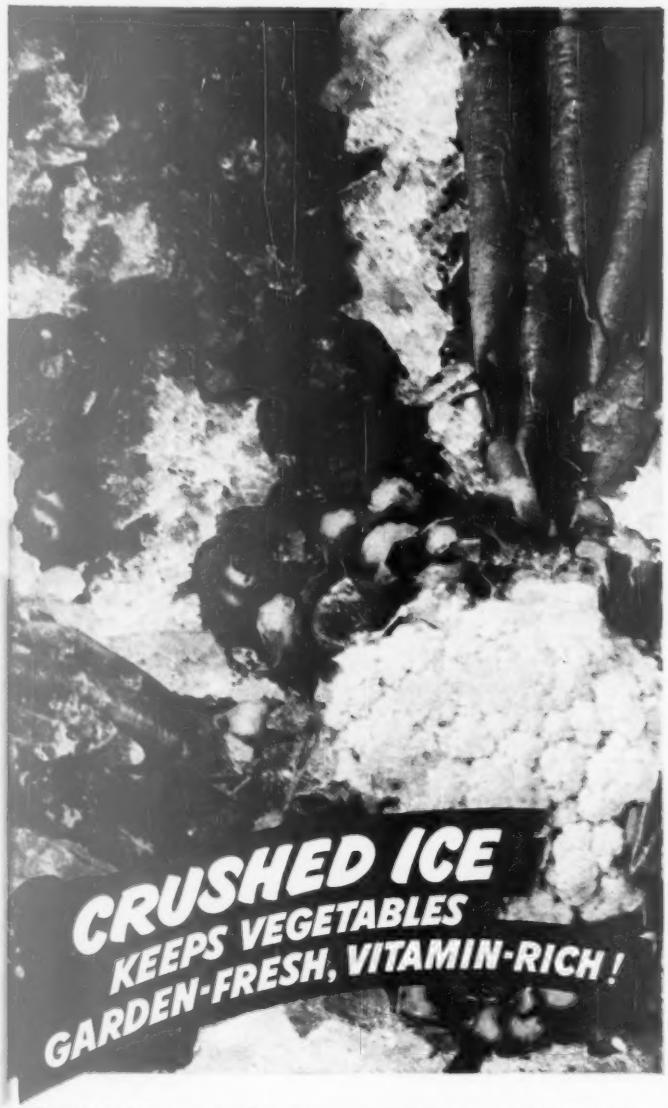

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Photograph: Cleveland

Unbleached muslin washes well and demands very little care. At this window it's been flounced at the top and at the bottom with a gay floral ruffle to give unexpected brightness to the service-porch curtain . . . and hide an unsightly view. Matching flowered ruffle (shirred thru the middle of the strip) is tacked around the glass to frame the service-door window. Be sure trim is colorfast and won't stain the curtains when washing them. Lloyd J. Brentwood, decorator.

Parker

COLORFUL cotton prints make ideal curtaining for cottage windows in an informal or Early American room. Bright reds, yellows, purples, blues, and greens have high color interest; flounces match seat pads and provide the quaint touch so appropriate with antique furnishings. Curtains such as these can be drawn to give privacy from close neighbors. Two deep rows of ruffling were set above the curtain panels. For a more formal dining room, curtain high windows in simple straight panels of one of those unusual, modern-textured materials. [*Turn to page 253*

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The winners will be announced in the April, 1949, *Better Homes & Gardens* and the eight best recipes printed in Cooks' Round Table.

Fish recipes can include seafood cocktails, salads, and casseroles, as well as fish cooked an extra-special way.

You can start with fresh, frozen, or canned fish. You can get out your skillet, deep-fat kettle, broiler pan, baking pan, or salad bowl.

Codfish balls, French-fried shrimp, broiled fillets, salmon soufflé, Lobster Newburg, or tuna salad—from every corner of the United States we want your various fish specialties.

If you've a super sauce you serve, or a salad or a garnish that's just right for fish, tell us about it, too.

Ready-to-eat cereal recipes include all those dishes you make with crisp rice cereal, with corn or bran flakes, with any prepared breakfast food. (Save your oatmeal and corn-meal recipes for another contest later.)

Do you have a cereal cooky recipe—corn-flake macaroons, all-bran gingersnaps, rice-cereal nut bars? Or a cereal candy like puffed-wheat balls or chocolate corn-flake candy?

The ready-to-eat cereals find a place in desserts, too. Ever made a crisp-cereal pie shell? Or tried grape nuts in custard, corn flakes in crunchy meringue rings?

And don't forget those casseroles you give a cereal topper, that cutlet that gets a crusty cereal coating.

You probably have your own way of using the prepared cereals for crisp texture, and nutty flavor. Send your recipe in. You may win a prize and some publicity. And it's easy. All you do is write down your recipe according to the easy rules below.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement, and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "April Fish Recipes" or "April Cereal Recipes."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, September 30.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5409 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens,* Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This Month's Winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. R. J. O'Connor of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Her Grape-Nut Whip features red grapes and spoon-sized pineapple cubes in a fluffy golden custard.

Mrs. Gerlach's Grape Upside-Down Cake is a tender fluffy cake with a Concord grape topping. It's a recipe she perfected from a wonderful grape cake her husband's grandmother made in terms of "a pinch of this and pinch of that."

Mrs. Bennett's Concord Tarts are old-fashioned grape filling, rich and spicy, baked in individual pastry shells.

Mrs. McCarthy suggests a dessert tray in keeping with casual California hospitality, and stars Grape Conserve as the special spread to go with crackers and cheese. The conserve would be good with toast, too.

Top casserole rating goes to Margaret McCormick's Jack-Pot Casserole.

Another main dish you'll want to try is the Quick-Baked Bean Casserole on page 78. The recipe was originated by a busy wife, Mrs. Fienup, who wanted to combine top flavor with 30-minute speed.

Mrs. Toner wins a well-deserved prize for serving 6 people with ¼ pound dried beef in a macaroni casserole we voted excellent.

Gail Hardwick earns a bow for her Louisiana Shrimp, in which creamy rice is flavored with onion and generously flecked with shrimp, then topped with a golden crumb crust.

Turn to page 77 for these good

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Jolly idea for easy salad supper!

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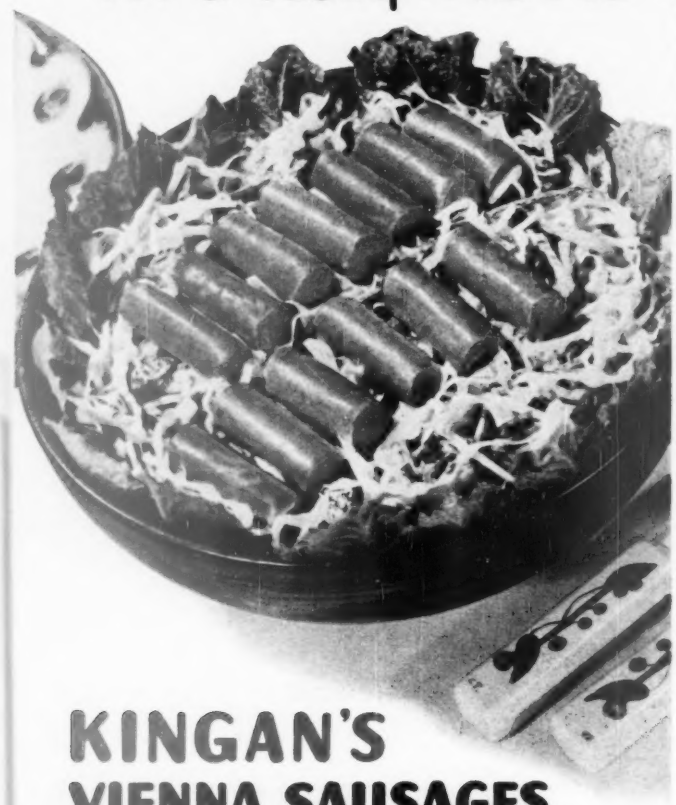

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Shampoos can be fun

By Ann Usher

Soap in the eyes and water down the neck are the troublemakers at shampoo time. You can get rid of those annoyances as well as that other troublemaker—unrinsed soap left in the hair. Here's how

Deborah wears a plastic shampoo shade. Keeps soap from eyes, ears, and mouth. Pitcher contains soft water

Ronnie puts cotton plugs in his ears. He tilts head and the spray so water and lather won't run down in his eyes

OF COURSE, washing your youngster's hair *can* be anything *but* fun. If you have to work in an awkward position while your Betty struggles and screams that she has soap in her eyes, you may come to dread each shampoo.

But the job can be done easily and calmly, as these photographs show. Be sure that when your child is old enough to wash her own hair, you work out with her a satisfactory way.

And while you're revising your shampooing methods, check up to see whether you are using the most satisfactory shampoo. Does it lather well and rinse out easily in the type of water you have available? The only superiority of a prepared shampoo over ordinary soap is its capacity to produce a lather, which makes washing and cleansing easier. If the available water is hard, a shampoo designed for hard water is preferable.

Lather must be thoroly rinsed from the hair. Extremely hard water may make this difficult.

The new soapless detergent shampoos rinse out well in hard water. They are a boon if hard water makes lathering and rinsing almost impossible with other shampoos. And, of course, they work equally well in soft water.

If you use a soap shampoo, be sure the water is soft—at least for the last rinsing.

If your household water is not naturally soft or chemically softened, you can add water softener to a pitcher of water and pour over the hair.

Every strand of hair should be thoroly rinsed. To do this, separate the hair into sections. Don't overlook the areas about the ears and at the nape of the neck.

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Shampoo board fits into sink or tub, forms headrest, and carries soapy water away from young Linda. To keep dry, she wears a plastic make-up cape with 2-inch inner collar tucked inside her dress at neckline

For shampoo board and make-up cape above, shampoo shade (opposite), see Where to get it, page 234

The shower is fine for shampooing if water is soft, or detergent shampoo is used. Ellen lathers hair twice, rinses

When the shampoo is done, use a smooth finish, lint-free towel to soak up as much of the water as it will absorb. Then take a dry towel of the same type and rub the scalp and hair until it feels nearly dry. Lift and shake the strands as you rub, so that air can reach the under hair.

Drying the hair outdoors is ideal, if the day is warm and sunny. Baking in a blazing sun isn't recommended, tho. The scalp might be sunburned, and the excessive heat would dry up needed oils. Even indoors, don't dry too near a heater.

It isn't good practice to put up your little girl's hair in pins or curlers while it is still wet from a shampoo. Let the hair near the scalp dry thoroly before curls are rolled up. When her hair is completely dry, and brushed well, you can moisten the ends a little for the curls.

Schedule shampoos for daytime, so that your youngster needn't go to bed with damp hair. It's uncomfortable, and besides, if the house temperature goes down at night, a draft might chill a little wet head.

When the hair is dry, gently brush out any snarls before combing. Wash your child's hairbrush and comb before you begin the shampoo so they'll be clean and dry, ready for use. To keep from cutting the scalp or breaking the hair, the bristles of the brush and the teeth of the comb must not be sharp; and the area where the teeth join at the base of the comb should be rounded.

Frequency of washing depends upon the scalp. Oily scalps tolerate frequent washing; dry scalps do not. Both types may require medical treatment, for which a shampoo, even a medicated shampoo, is no substitute.

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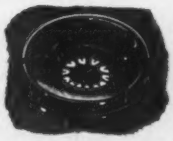

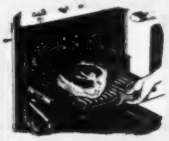

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- 1 tablespoon tomato catsup
- 2 eggs, separated
- Salt and pepper

Wash eggplant, cut lengthwise into halves and scrape out center leaving ½ inch shells. Cook eggplant removed from shell in salted boiling water until tender; drain and mash. Melt butter, blend in flour, add milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thick. Add mashed eggplant, bread crumbs, tuna, onion, catsup and egg yolks. Season to taste. Fold in beaten egg whites and fill the eggplant shells. Bake in 350° F. oven for 1 hour 15 minutes. Serves 4 generously.

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Stitching the drapery. Baste all the widths together, carefully matching the printed design at the edges. Machine-stitch these seams and press flat.

Turn down a 3-inch hem along the top edge. Double-stitch it over a strip of ready-made buckram stiffening 4 inches deep. Catch-stitch ends of this turnover closed.

Roll the bottom raw edge, and stitch a 3-inch hem. If the fabric is heavy, pink along the hem edge and catch-stitch flat so there won't be too much bulk.

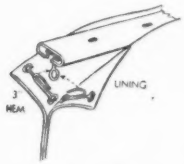
Making the lining. The lining will often show as much as the drapery, so make it attractive. Choose a contrasting material—deep-green sateen lining a print with huge green leaves, or plaid gingham lining lipstick-red glazed chintz.

Measure, cut, and sew the lining the same way you did the drapery. Be sure to use a strip of buckram stiffening at the top of the lining, too.

Lining the drapery. Lay the lining over the drapery, raw edges tucked in, and catch-stitch the sides together—leaving the 3-inch turnovers at the top free.

Sew the drapery and lining lengths together along the joining seams and in the center of each width. Carry the thread down the center of the panels, catching first to the material of the lining, then to the drapery. Fasten each stitch with a buttonhole loop so that the long stitches between won't pull or pucker the drapery. Then hem the bottom of the lining, carrying an occasional tailor's tack across to the drapery to fasten drapery and lining together.

Hanging the drapery. By hemming the top of the lining and drapery separately over stiff strips of buckram you've made a double



Stitch drapery hooks to drapery and to lining, fasten hooks thru track rings

heading on your drapery (see sketch above). Sew pairs of drapery hooks along the top of the lining and the drapery at intervals 4 inches apart. (Buy your drapery hooks when you get the track so you'll be sure to get the right size.) Use a firm over-and-over stitch so they won't pull out with the weight of the drapery. Then catch the lining and drapery together below the hooks so there won't be any gapping. Your double heading should extend up over the sides of the track and cover the metal working parts.

To keep the weight of the draperies from pulling fragile material—satin, taffeta, or rayon damask—sew the hooks to a band of cotton tape stitched to the top of the drapery and lining.

Now put the hooks thru the rings on the track, and pull the drapery into place.

Note: If you plan to use cornice boards to cover the working parts of your ceiling track, stitch the lining and drapery together at the top. Then sew rings or hooks across the top at 4-inch intervals.

Attaching a pull cord. If you're attaching a pull cord to the end ring of the drapery, reinforce the loose end near the ring so it won't fray. After looping the cord twice thru the ring, leave at least 3 inches of extra cord hanging down. Stitch the last ½ inch of this extra cording securely to the pull cord. If you want to make the pull cord double, carry the ends thru a tassel or covered wooden ball, knot them so they won't pull out, and finish the end the same way.

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recipes. And look at our Honor Roll below for the names of other prizewinner cooks.

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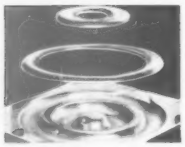

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Recipes for Chicken dinners

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- 1½ cups cooked chicken
- 1 10½- or 11-ounce can of cream of mushroom soup
- ¼ cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1 cup milk
- 4 slightly beaten egg yolks
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 4 stiff-beaten egg whites

Combine chicken, mushroom soup, and ¼ cup milk. Heat thoroly. Melt butter; add flour and blend. Stir in 1 cup milk and cook over low heat till thick, stirring constantly. Stir hot sauce into slightly beaten egg yolks and blend. Season. Fold in stiff-beaten egg whites. Pour chicken-a-la-king mixture into 6 ungreased individual casseroles. Pour over soufflé mixture. Place casseroles in shallow pan—1 inch hot water surrounding. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 30 minutes. Serve in casseroles. Serves 6.

Frenched Chicken Sandwiches

Chicken-salad sandwiches grilled like French toast—

- 1 cup cooked, diced chicken
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ¼ cup finely chopped sweet pickles
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 12 slices bread (2 to 3 days old)
- 1 beaten egg
- ⅔ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons fat

Combine chicken, onion, celery, pickles, lemon juice, seasonings, and mayonnaise; mix well. Spread on slices of bread to make sandwiches; cut each sandwich in half. Combine egg, milk, and ½ teaspoon salt. Dip sandwiches in egg mixture and brown well on both sides in hot fat. Makes 6 whole sandwiches. Serve with hot cheese sauce, if desired.

Barbecued Chicken

Buy budget-priced chicken pieces and bake them in this barbecue sauce—

- 3 to 4 pounds chicken backs, wings, and necks
- ½ cup enriched flour
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ⅓ to ½ cup fat

Dip chicken pieces into flour mixed with paprika and seasonings. Brown lightly on all sides in hot fat. Place in baking pan and pour over **Barbecue Sauce:** Combine 2 teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon garlic salt, 1 teaspoon pepper, 2 tablespoons paprika, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup finely chopped onion, 1 14-ounce bottle (1⅓ cups) catsup, 1 cup water, ⅔ cup vinegar, 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, and 4 tablespoons fat in saucepan. Heat to boiling. Pour over chicken. Bake, covered, in moderate oven (350°) until tender, about 1 hour. Uncover. Bake 30 minutes. Baste frequently. Serves 6 to 8.

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½ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup melted butter or fortified margarine
½ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons enriched flour
¼ teaspoon mace
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine peaches and granulated sugar; let stand until syrup forms. Combine butter, brown sugar, flour, and spices. Measure syrup from peaches; add water to make 1 cup; stir into sugar-flour mixture. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add lemon juice; cool. Roll pastry ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface; cut 3½-inch circles or squares. Place a spoonful of filling on each; moisten edges of crust with cold water, and fold in half circles or triangles. Press edges together with flour-tined fork. Gash tops of tarts. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in hot oven (425°) 10 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes. Makes 16 tarts.

Plain Pastry: Sift 1½ cups enriched flour and ½ teaspoon salt; cut in ½ cup shortening until mixture is size of small peas. Slowly add 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water, mixing and pressing ingredients together. Divide; roll on lightly floured surface.

Chicken Pizza

These are simple to fix for supper or a Sunday-night snack—

4 large English muffins
2 cups diced, cooked chicken
8 slices American cheese
1 cup chili sauce

Split muffins, place on greased baking sheet. Top each with diced chicken and a slice of cheese. Spoon chili sauce over top. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes. Serves 4 to 8.

Apple Crisp

Top is crunchy—it's brown sugar, quick-cooking oats, and flour—

3 medium-sized apples, sliced thin
¾ cup quick-cooking oats
¾ cup brown sugar
½ cup enriched flour
½ cup butter or fortified margarine

Arrange apples in greased 8-inch round pan. Combine oats, sugar, and flour; cut in butter. Sprinkle this mixture over apples. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with **Golden Custard Sauce:** Combine 4 egg yolks, ⅓ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon enriched flour, and ⅛ teaspoon salt. Gradually stir in 1½ cups milk, scalded. Cook over hot water until mixture coats spoon. Remove from heat; add ½ teaspoon vanilla and ½ teaspoon lemon extract. Chill. Makes 1½ cups.

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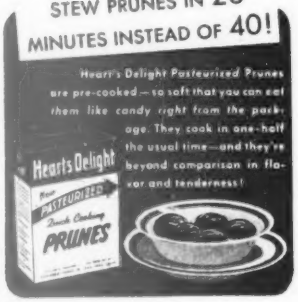


Four good little houses

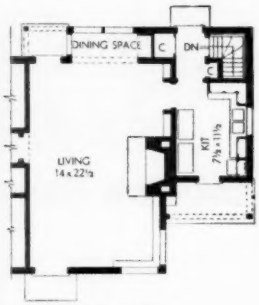
You may have seen these homes before, but if you're looking for a small house to build, take another look

IF YOU'VE done any house-hunting lately, you know that a good small house is hard to find. If the outside looks good, the inside is often poorly planned. If the rooms are well arranged, there isn't enough storage space. A house that looks well, is well planned, and seems spacious in spite of its size is about as rare as a thousand-dollar bill.

Here are four homes that we feel have the qualities you want and need in a home. All are *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star homes which we have shown before, but repeat for you because they seem to fill today's needs.

For how to get plans, see page 245

A rustic feeling surrounds this little home. It is frame from top of foundation to ridge line, with rafter ends exposed



ALTERNATE PLAN WITH STAIRS TO BASEMENT

By Rand E. Wright

FIRST FLOOR • NO BASEMENT

IDEAL for a corner lot, but attractive anywhere, is *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star No. 1011. The house is 44 feet across the front and 28 feet deep. The garage is not attached; tho if your lot is wide enough, you could attach it to the side wall of the laundry or stairway.

The important features of the house are a large living room, open to light at both ends; a dining nook in a bay overlooking the garden; a corridor-type kitchen with plenty of cupboards; good storage space; and an owners' bedroom big enough for an easy chair or two. In this one-floor house, there's a small utility room back of the kitchen for laundry equipment and heating plant. If you want a basement, this space is used for stairs and two small closets.

Heartwarming is the word that best describes the looks of the house outside. Except for the whitewashed brick chimney, all outside walls are wood, purposely left rough. Twelve-inch boards with 4-inch battens over the joints were used, and the same treatment continued on the Dutch front door. With the exception of the windows and interior doors, there isn't an item in this house that any good carpenter can't build right on the job.

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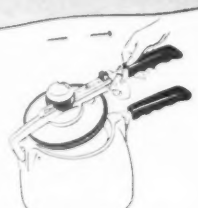

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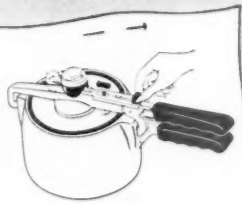

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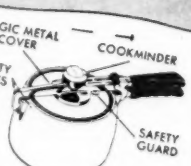

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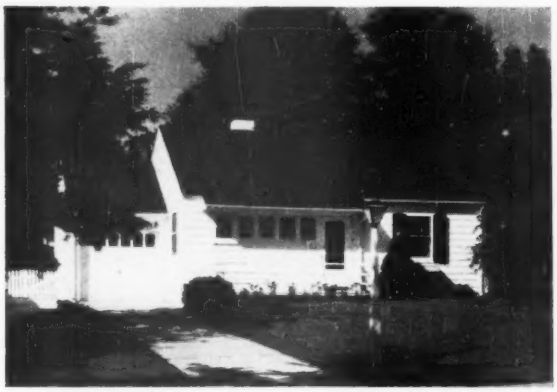
Garage makes this house seem larger



White, sparkling, and compact, this little house makes an excellent first home

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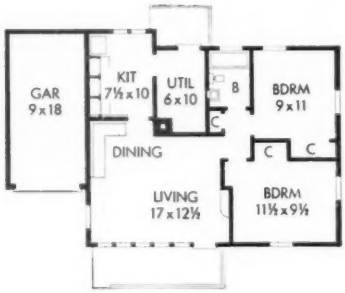

HERE is a house that in 750 square feet gives you two bedrooms, a compact kitchen, a utility room, and a small but easily arranged living-dining area. It is *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1007.

Even with the garage, the house fits comfortably on a 50-foot lot. It is this attached garage, incidentally, which gives the house its breadth. It is a moneysaver, too, because a separate garage is more expensive and requires more driveway. As another cost-cutter, dri-wall construction is specified for both interior walls and ceilings. You can either paint or paper this surface.

Bedrooms have cross ventilation and windows are placed so that you can arrange the room according to the size beds you have. Wardrobe closets provide 4½ feet of hanging space and have no dark inaccessible corners.

If you prefer a basement to an upstairs utility room, you can put in a stairway that comes up near the back porch. And you'll have an extra 9 square feet of counter and cabinet space.

The kitchen and dining area, incidentally, are planned to the last inch. Cabinets, counter, sink, and appliances are ranged along one wall. The dining area, a step from the kitchen door, has seats built in and cushioned bottom and back, comfortable to sit on yet still an attractive part of the main living area.

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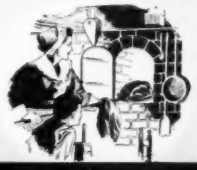

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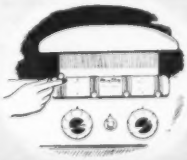

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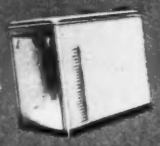

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In the house you will find a large, light living room with a corner fireplace and so much wall space that many furniture arrangements are possible. Behind the entrance vestibule is a small dining alcove with its own bank of three windows. The kitchen is a combination of corridor and U-types with direct access to the basement, service entrance, and sleeping area. The first bedroom is small, but like the living room, has plenty of wall space.

The basement is entirely open, but can be walled in if you prefer to form a recreation room with its own fireplace, and a utility room for the heating plant and laundry equipment.

The exterior of the house has smooth, clean lines that make it appear larger than it is. Windows are standard sizes, and walls can be either shingle or clapboard. Since the house is almost square in plan, you have to buy less roofing and outside wall materials than with any other plan of the same floor area.

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Simple lines cut cost of this home

Easy to build, and pleasant to look at, this house is up to the minute in style

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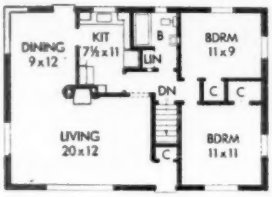

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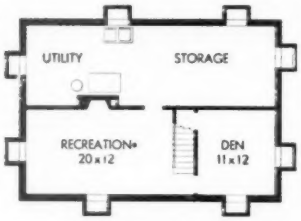

BACK of the planning of this little home—*Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1102—was the need for an economical but attractive house. The rectangular shape, straight and unbroken eaves, simplified framework, and hipped roof are all guarantees of the greatest savings in cost. What extra you pay these days for brick soon is saved in lower maintenance costs.

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The basement, reached by a stairway from the central hall, is divided into two equal parts by a wall running the length of the house. Under the living room is a space for a large recreation room, complete with its own fireplace. Under the dining area and kitchen is a utility room for the heating plant and laundry equipment. The rest of the basement you can use for storage space; or, if you build this house on a lot that slopes to the side, you can fit in two more comfortable bedrooms.

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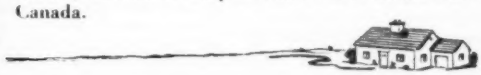

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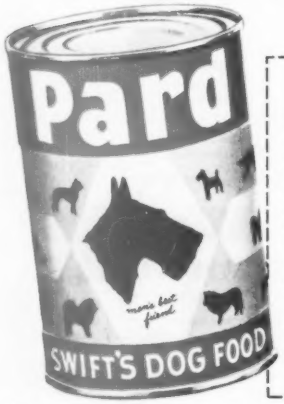

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Your dog and mine

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Digging ability is an asset in a farm dog, but not in his city-dwelling cousin

By Russell K. Lowry

My dog digs up the yard and spoils the lawn. Is there a cure for this ruinous habit?—A.M.M., Ohio.

Not easy to deal with. Trick is to correct in the midst of the act with a dramatic scolding and spanking to impress the lesson. Must be repeated many times. Added help is to keep his nails trimmed close, as shortened claws hamper any real digging results.

Is my 8-year-old female too old to have puppies?—J.B.C., Missouri.

Maybe yes, maybe no. It depends on the dog's physical condition, spirit, etc. She may have to have a Caesarean litter, but they are common enough these days. Consult your veterinarian.

Recently I heard a man brag that he had his dog so well trained he only had to air him once a day. How does this sound to you?—Mrs. W.G.A., New Jersey.

It sounds awful! No animal can restrain its body functions around the clock and remain healthy. A dog should have at least two airings, morning and night. Three is even better.

Because my wife and I both work, we must leave our dog alone in the house all day. How can we housebreak him?—M.S., Alabama.

Sorry, there's no hocus-pocus to solve your problem. A dog must be trained by regular, periodic airings—with dramatic, impressive scoldings thrown in right at the moment of the indoor "misses." A young puppy should be exercised five times a day, after feedings. At 3 to 6 months, four airings will suffice.

Is there any cure for DDT poisoning? I lost one dog from it.—Mrs. F.G., California.

As far as we know, there is no antidote for DDT poisoning. In the future, use a water-base (wettable) DDT solution on or around your dog. An oil-base solution works into the skin, carrying the DDT with it, where a water-base solution remains on the surface.

How can I keep my dog from committing a nuisance on neighbor's lawns when I'm exercising him?—E.C.B., West Virginia.

Air the dog on a leash—and do the same as dog owners do in New York City where there are no lawns. Teach him to use the curb or street. All over New York, signs say "Curb Your Dog"—and people really do just that (or they get a ticket).

Is Chlordane effective against ticks? If so, where may it be obtained? I've used practically everything friends have advised, and my dog still has ticks.—R.W.J., Ohio.

Chlordane is comparatively new, affords excellent control of ticks, lice, fleas, flies, chiggers, mites, and other forms of insect life which are hard on dogs. It is widely available, but may be hard to get because so much of it is being used by exterminators.

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▶ Have you a problem on dog care? Ask Russell K. Lowry, "Your Dog and Mine" Editor, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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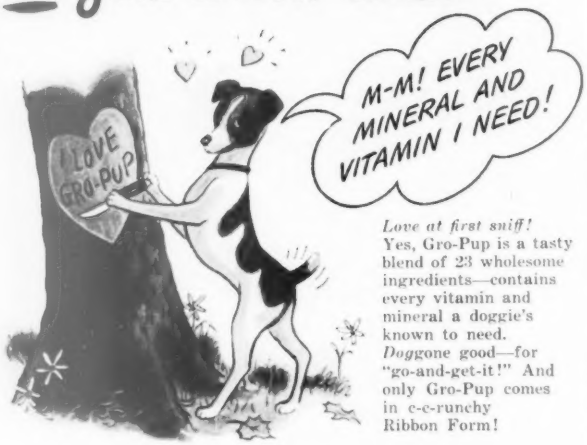

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Your dog and mine

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What breed makes the best watchdog and child companion?—E.M. C., New York.

Any breed will fill the bill. No one breed has a monopoly on a given set of characteristics. On the other hand, even two litter brothers can be miles apart in the way they act and think.

My dog has taken to roaming with the neighborhood dogs. There's a lot of agitation against dogs running loose, spoiling lawns and gardens. We want to do the right thing but hate to deprive our dog of a little freedom.—G.B.K., Pennsylvania.

Well, we side with the authorities. Allowing one's dog to roam the neighborhood is not being fair to the neighbors. And a roaming dog can be run over, poisoned, stolen, shot, get involved in dog fights, bite children, and otherwise get his master in serious trouble. Construct a small fenced enclosure, or tie your dog to a leash that slides along on a stretched wire.

How can I overcome constipation in my dog?—Mrs. H.W.B., Oregon.

Feed soft foods that contain extra amounts of water or broth. Gruels and soups are good. If you include 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons of pure bran in the daily meal, it will be beneficial in restoring normal action. A teaspoon of mineral oil mixed in with food also helps. Milk of magnesia is the best and safest laxative for a dog. Beware of many laxatives made for humans as they contain strychnine, the least trace of which—even one-sixteenth of a grain—can lay your dog out for good.

Can contact with a dog transmit mange or worms to a child or adult?—Mrs. A.W.B., Illinois.

No, mange is purely a canine affliction—rather rare, too. Man is immune. To my knowledge there is no case on record of anyone ever finding the kind of worms that bother dogs in a human.

Do dogs have yellow jaundice? If so, what are the symptoms?—D.J.L., Maine.

Correct name of malady is leptospirosis, which approximates jaundice, Weil's disease or "yellows" in man. It is infectious, having a high mortality rate among dogs, once they contract it. More prevalent thru New England, from our reports, where entire kennels of valuable dogs have been wiped out in a few weeks. Accepted theory is that the germs are carried in the bladders of rats, dogs picking them up by tracking in rat urine. Symptoms are refusal to eat, desire for great amounts of water, vomiting of brown fluid possibly mixed with blood, foul breath, rapid decline, diarrhea with drops of blood. Breathing is difficult. Inside of cheeks shows orange patches. Temperature is 102 or more. Infected dog should be isolated. Late developments indicate penicillin is of value in treatment. Total elimination of rats is a must.

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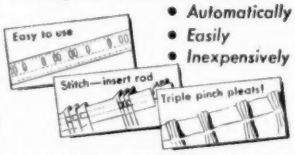

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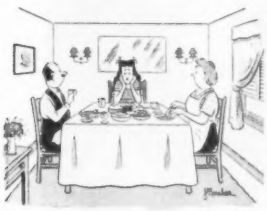

"Maybe if you two had ever been in love, you'd understand why I can't eat!"

How to get along with those you love

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husband may not be given to such thoughtfulness. After all, he was never trained to be a husband except as you may have trained him.

▶ *Our 15-year-old daughter has become quite sullen and resentful over our rules about her getting in at night. She feels humiliated because we ask her to be in by midnight. She can't understand our concern when she gets home at 12:30 or 1 a.m. Her answer is always: "None of the other kids have to get in by 12."*

—Herbert Y.

Dear Mr. Y:

I sometimes think we need a league of parents. Your daughter's arguments for staying out late are likely the same ones other adolescents are using on their parents. It *is* hard for one young person always to break up the party. Can't you and some of the parents get together on a time for closing youth gatherings and settle the argument?

Beyond that point, the problem is one of trying to reason with your daughter. Show her that the more wisely she acts in the interests of her health and schooling, as well as of her social life, the more freedom she can expect. In attempting to persuade her, avoid prying and suspicion. An ounce of trust is worth a pound of doubt. Compromise, concessions, and boundless sympathy are a part of parenthood. They'll help your daughter in her struggle for maturity.

▶ *Jean and I have been married only three months. During our engagement we wanted to be together all the time and to share every experience. We would even tell each other about the most trivial things. We both felt that when we were married we would want to share every part of our life together. But after three months, we find ourselves getting on each other's nerves. There are times when I want to be alone, and yet I don't want to hurt Jean. Are we headed for the rocks, or is this something we should expect in marriage?*

—Fred K.

Dear Mr. K:

Yours is a natural situation. It need not mean that you are headed for the rocks. Had you been well informed on marriage, both you and Jean would have known that no married couple should expect to share each other's life fully, nor should they try to do everything together. Every individual has to have a certain amount of isolation when he can commune with himself and, if he is of religious temperament, with the universe or his Maker. Every individual must have hobbies and recreational activities which he carries on with others besides his husband or wife.

No two human beings can mean so much to one another that they can be together all the time and do everything together without boring each other to the point of intolerance.

It is time for you and Jean to talk the thing over frankly, to agree that each of you will continue certain activities and friendships with persons of your own sex in which the other will not be expected to participate. Each of you should have certain recreational activities of your own.

If you are too bored, perhaps you need a day or two of marital vacation—perhaps a trip or a visit home. Certainly now is the time to start a life which will give each of your individual personalities its due. It will add vitality to your marriage and make it a going concern. Marriage is a wonderful state, but it can't be everything to anyone.

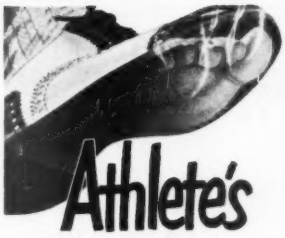
▶ *I am 16, but my parents treat me like a baby when it comes to the family car. They never let me use it when they can find any excuse for using it themselves, altho they did let me get a driver's license.*

—Edgar C.

Dear Edgar:

Have you had the tires checked on the family car recently? Do you see that the tank has gas in it when you get thru using the car? Have you swept out the garage or washed the car recently? Have you read your father's insurance policy to see whether he is protected from liability when you or your friends drive the car?

Being grown up involves assuming responsibilities as well as having privileges. Both must increase together. The struggle of a young man to free himself from the restrictions of his parents is more successful if he does things which will do more than words to convince them that he actually *is* growing up.



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Right-angled storage unit that serves to divide traffic fits against the end and back of a box spring and mattress. Unit is movable and has a lot of compartments, some open, some closed

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BIG ideas for small houses

By Patricia Gould

Galleylike kitchen is open to the main room—practically a part of it. Under glass on the bar top are prints . . . a twist that makes the standard spacesaving dining bar seem like a fresh idea again

YOU can pack a heap of comfortable living inside a little house these days. The trick? Really there are hundreds of them. Some of the best are typified by the small homes on this page and the next.

In the home of Al Dupont, Laguna Beach, California, you'll find that built-in shelves and storage space, built-in furniture (often with two or more purposes), dining bar, and a minimum of other furnishings and knickknacks make compact living pleasant.

As a final touch, why not try the different floor levels and partial walls be used to get the feeling of separate rooms without building partitions? Admittedly this won't save much space, but it will make the space you have seem bigger.

Let's take a look at his home to see if you can't find ideas for stretching space.

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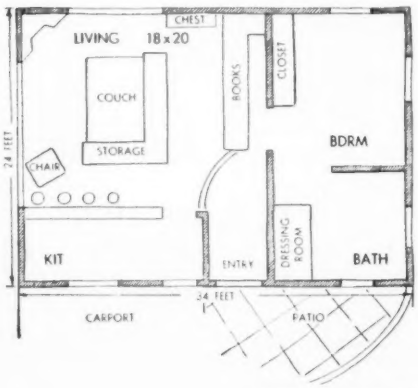

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More BIG ideas for small houses

Spacesaving bookshelves run along the raised portion of the floor just inside the entrance, and form a tiny hall to the bedroom and bathroom door at the right. The built-in chest at the left comes in handy for storing linens. Curios give the room personality, but don't steal any valuable space

Set up and ready for service, the roll-out counter looks like a regular dining bar. A shelf lets down in front to allow plenty of knee room beneath. The extra-wide counter will hold a complete dinner with no crowding of plates. Pictures at the right show the counter as a kitchen storage and service unit

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IN ANOTHER small home, a roll-out kitchen counter helps solve the space problem. The counter is a dining bar on one side and a compact kitchen storage cabinet on the other. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Willis, Palo Alto, California, will vouch that it makes mealtime quick and easy. When it is shoved back it leaves the main room free from a kitchen-like look. Here's how it works.

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John Matthias

When dinner is thru, the top counter folds up and the side doors telescope closed at either side—leaving a neat wall that hides the kitchen when you push the counter back. By painting the roll-out counter to match walls, the Willises have made it seem more a part of the room. John Matthias is the decorator

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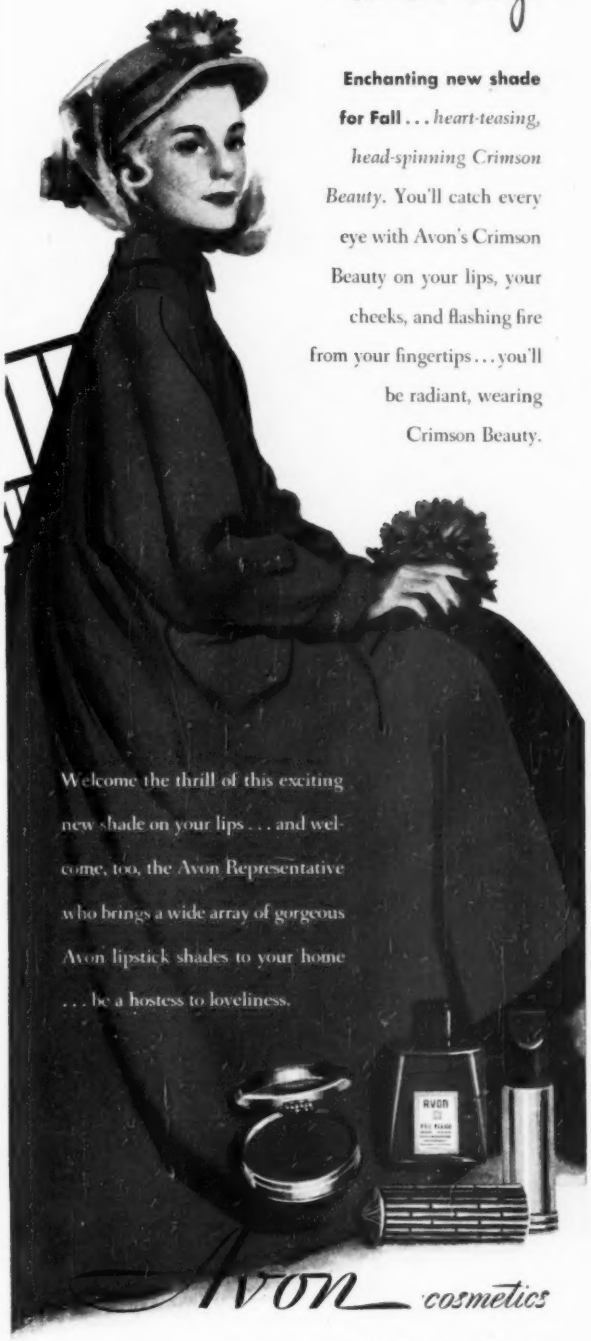

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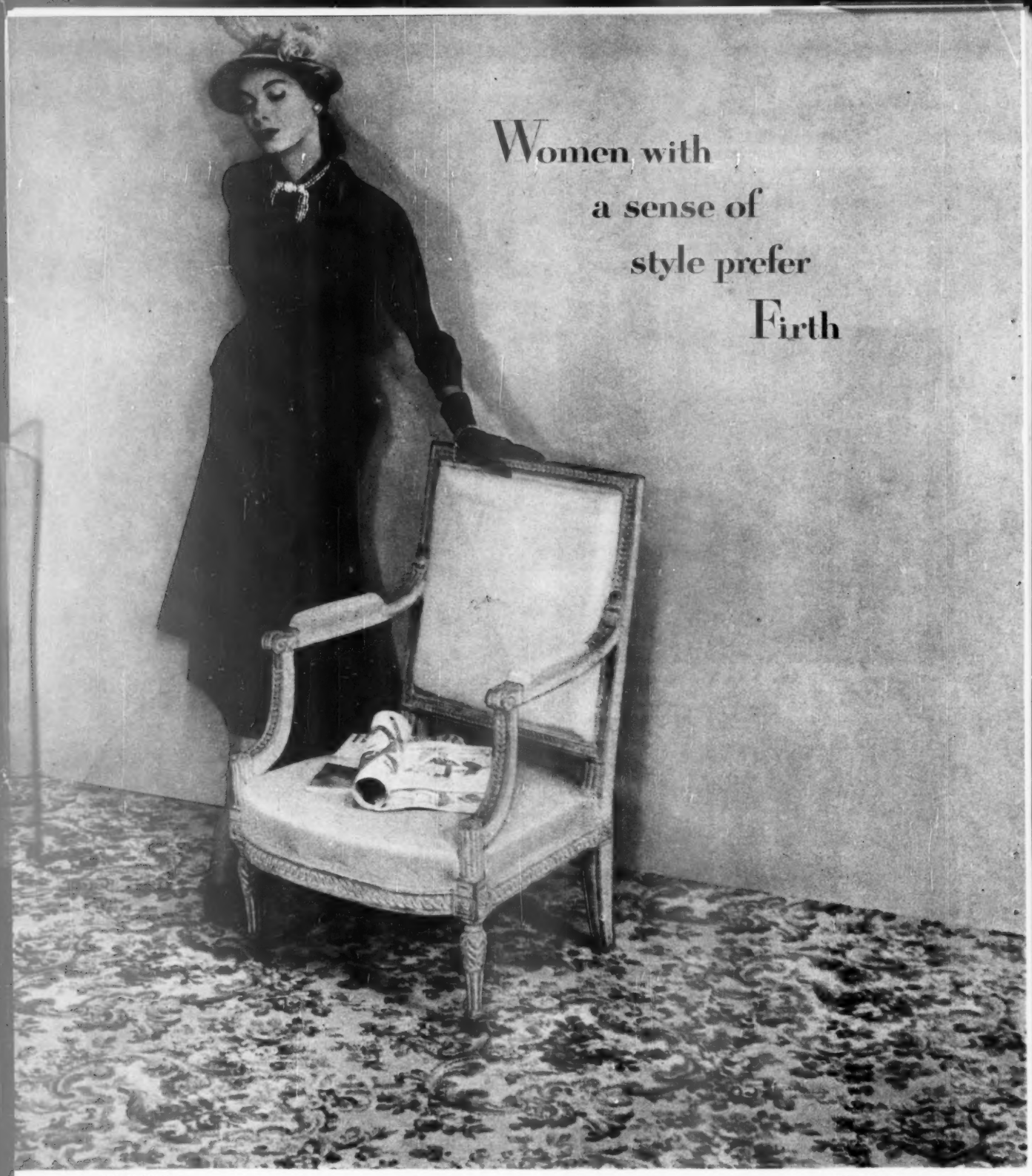

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Tips for flower arrangers

Contributed by our readers

A bowl of bouncing snowballs makes a cool-looking centerpiece. Fasten a candle snow man or snowball (or Santa Claus candle) to the bottom of a battery jar or fish bowl with modeling clay or melted tallow. Fill the bowl with water. Then add 15 to 20 moth balls, 1 teaspoon citric acid, 1 teaspoon baking soda. The mixture keeps the moth balls bobbing up and down for some time. When the bobbing slackens, add more soda and citric acid. (Citric acid is harmless.) Set the bowl on a few greens and prepare to answer your friends' surprised questions. *Mary Belle Westrom, Columbia, Missouri.*

Hollyhocks can be used as cut flowers. Arrange the flower stalks on a needle-point holder in a metal container. Add about an inch of water to cover bottom of stem. Place the container over the smallest burner of the stove and boil the water for a few minutes until the lower ends of the stems take on a clear look. Then fill the container with cold water. Hollyhocks will keep without drooping for several days. *Louisa Sargent, Grinnell, Iowa.*

Empty grapefruit and orange halves from your breakfast table make convenient holders in which to arrange flowers you take to friends.

Place the grapefruit shell, cut side down, on your table. Pierce a few holes in it with an ice pick and insert a flower stem deep into each hole. Make holes as close together as you need them; have many of them on a slant instead of straight up and down. Place the completed arrangement in a bowl of water. When you are ready to carry the flowers to hospital or friends, wrap grapefruit holder and its arrangement in a wax or cellophane sack. Nurses appreciate having their patients' flowers arrive in such an arranger. Time is saved for them in the beginning, because the original care has been given, and in the end, because they can discard the faded bouquet without bothering to disentangle a needle-point holder. *Mrs. M. W. Higgins, Yuma, Arizona.*

Chunks of dry ice in a low bowl with a little water in it produce a cool, misty vapor that's refreshing to look at on torrid days. Add a figurine encircled with flower-studded fern or greenery. White, woven cellophane table mats with clear crystal or milk glass dishes add to the table's crisp, cool effect. *Mrs. E. F. French, Jonesboro, Arkansas.*

Here's an easy way to syphon out old water before you add fresh water to cut flowers—and you don't disturb the arrangement. Place the longer part of a small 2- or 3-foot rubber tube into the bowl. Hold it there for a minute or two, then squeeze shut the end in your hand. Draw out all but an inch or two of hose under water, ease your grip on the hose end, and let water run into sink or a pan. *Mrs. J. L. Berry, New York City.*

Use parsnip, carrot, beet, or rutabaga tops for bowls of green. When you prepare these vegetables for cooking cut a one-half-inch-thick piece from the top end. Put these pieces in a shallow dish with [*Turn to page 125*

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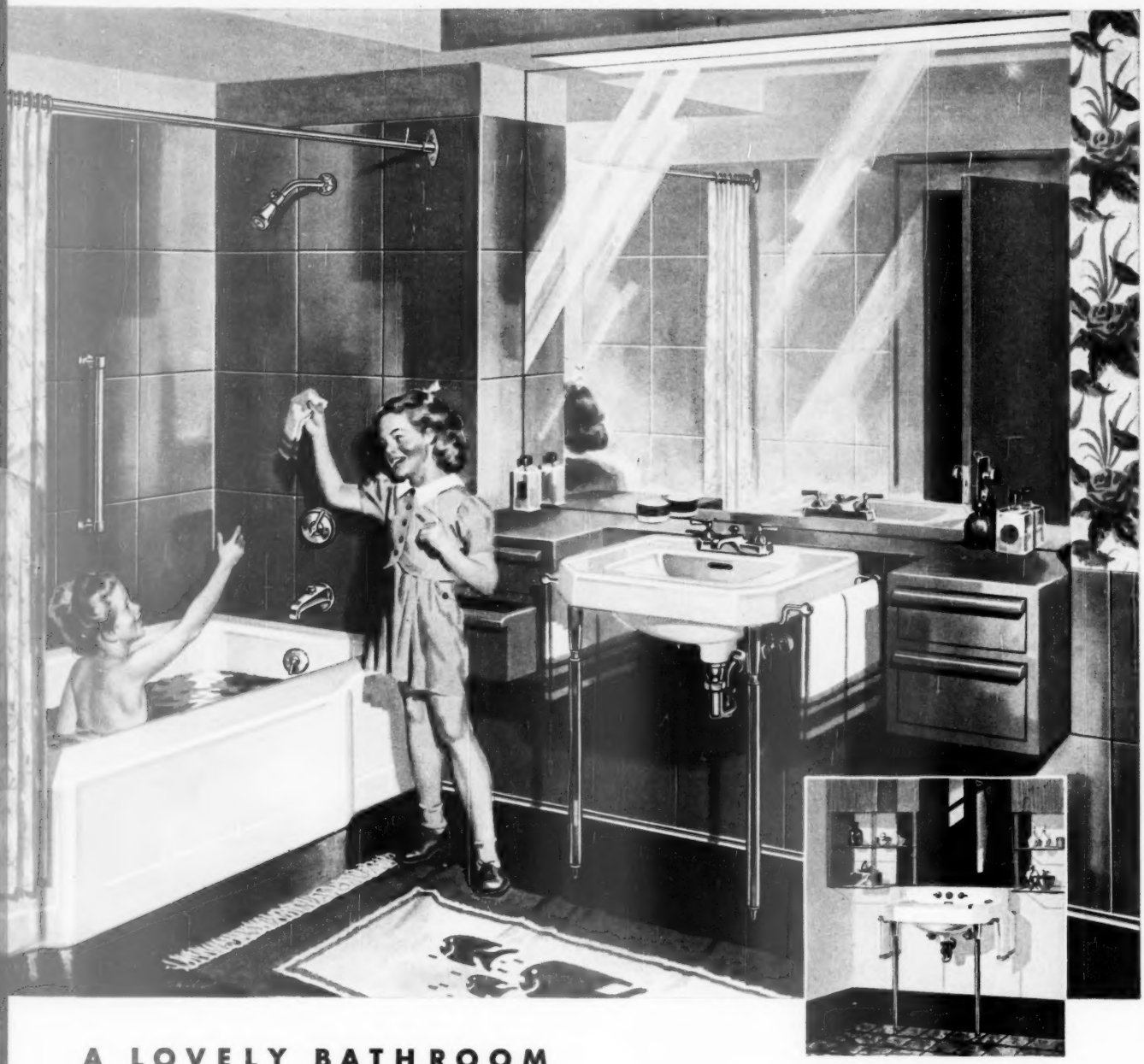

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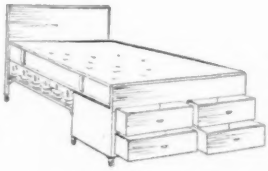

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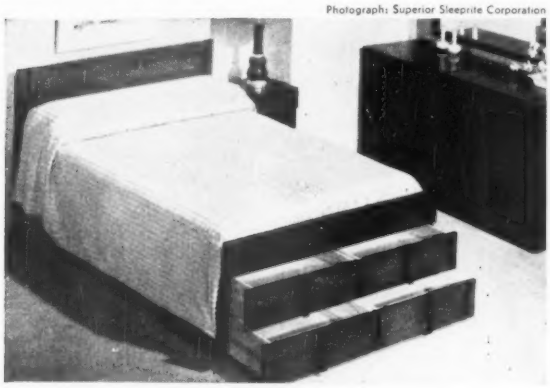

Tips for flower arrangers

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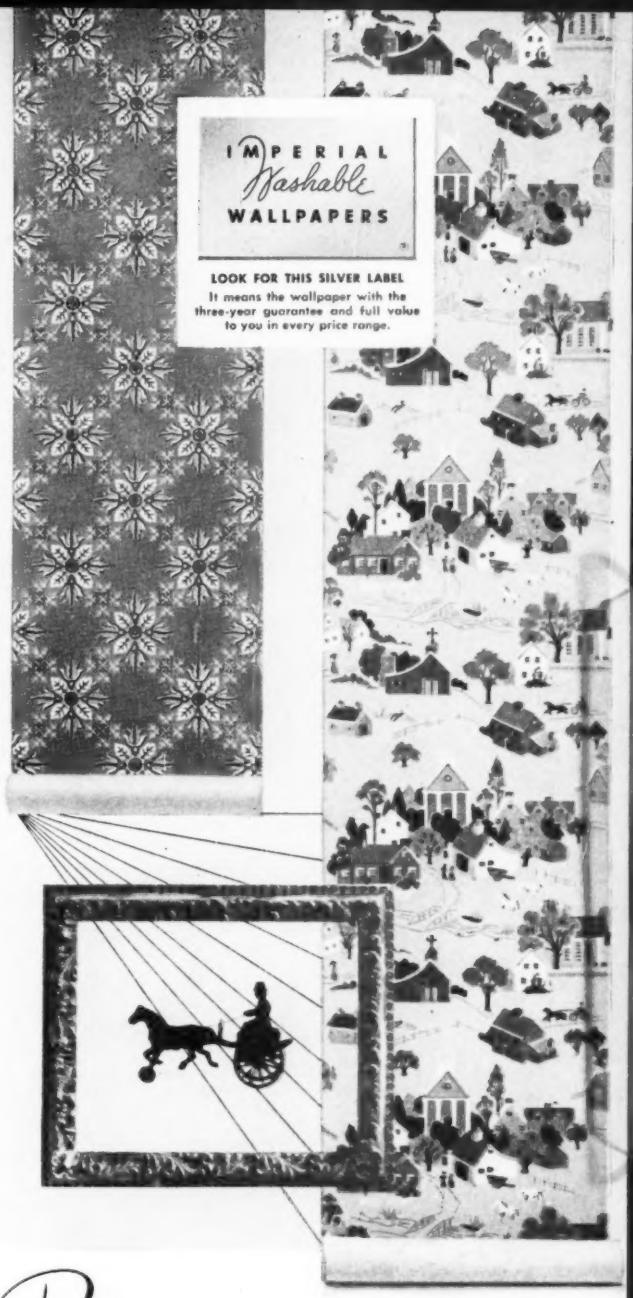
just enough water to float them. In about 48 hours, little green shoots appear in the tops. They grow rapidly and stay green for about three weeks. Parsnip leaves sprout easily. Add enough water each day to keep tops floating. If they stick to the dish they'll rot. *Mrs. A. C. De Duc, St. Petersburg, Florida.*

If the stems of some flowers are too small to stick on the pins of your flower holder, wedge extra bits of stems on the holder to take up the extra space. Or slip thin stems like cosmos into a piece of hollow or thick stem—like gladiolus, then place on the holder. *Carita Girton, Ames, Iowa.*

An old-fashioned revolving caster with bottles resting in separate compartments makes an unusual ivy bowl. Remove the glass stoppers, partly fill each bottle with fresh water and place in it a small branch of ivy or other trailing vine. This makes an attractive centerpiece for your dining table or buffet. *Mrs. R. T. Nathan, Brooklyn.*

A miniature brandy snifter 2½ inches high or a wineglass makes an ideal container for small flower arrangements on the coffee table, desk, or dressing table. *Mrs. N. T. Gray, Sacramento, California.*

Water tinted with vegetable coloring in a rose bowl or low crystal container will add a color note to floating flowers. The colored water should be harmonious with the flower tones. *Mrs. R. E. Black, Houston.*



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The right wall of the living room is plastered, because it will some day separate garage from guest quarters. Mrs. Hunt uses a green-background Williamsburg paper to give the living room depth. Drop-leaf dining table under double window is a spacesaver, and just a step from the kitchen door

Mrs. Hunt can enjoy fine furnishings until her future home is built. Her "paneled" walls and her rafters are 16-inch widths of wallboard nailed to studding

There's good living in a garage

By Martha B. Darbyshire

DOES the idea of living in a garage set you thinking of rough rafters and grease-spotted floors? Then take a long look at Sally Hunt's garage-home in Pasadena.

Mrs. Hunt built her garage first—and plans to live in it until she can build a five-room house on the front of her lot. Her present living room will house two cars later; her bedroom will be a guest room. Till then the garage has been fixed up to make a comfortable home. And careful planning lets Mrs. Hunt and her daughter, also Sally, enjoy most of their good furniture right now.

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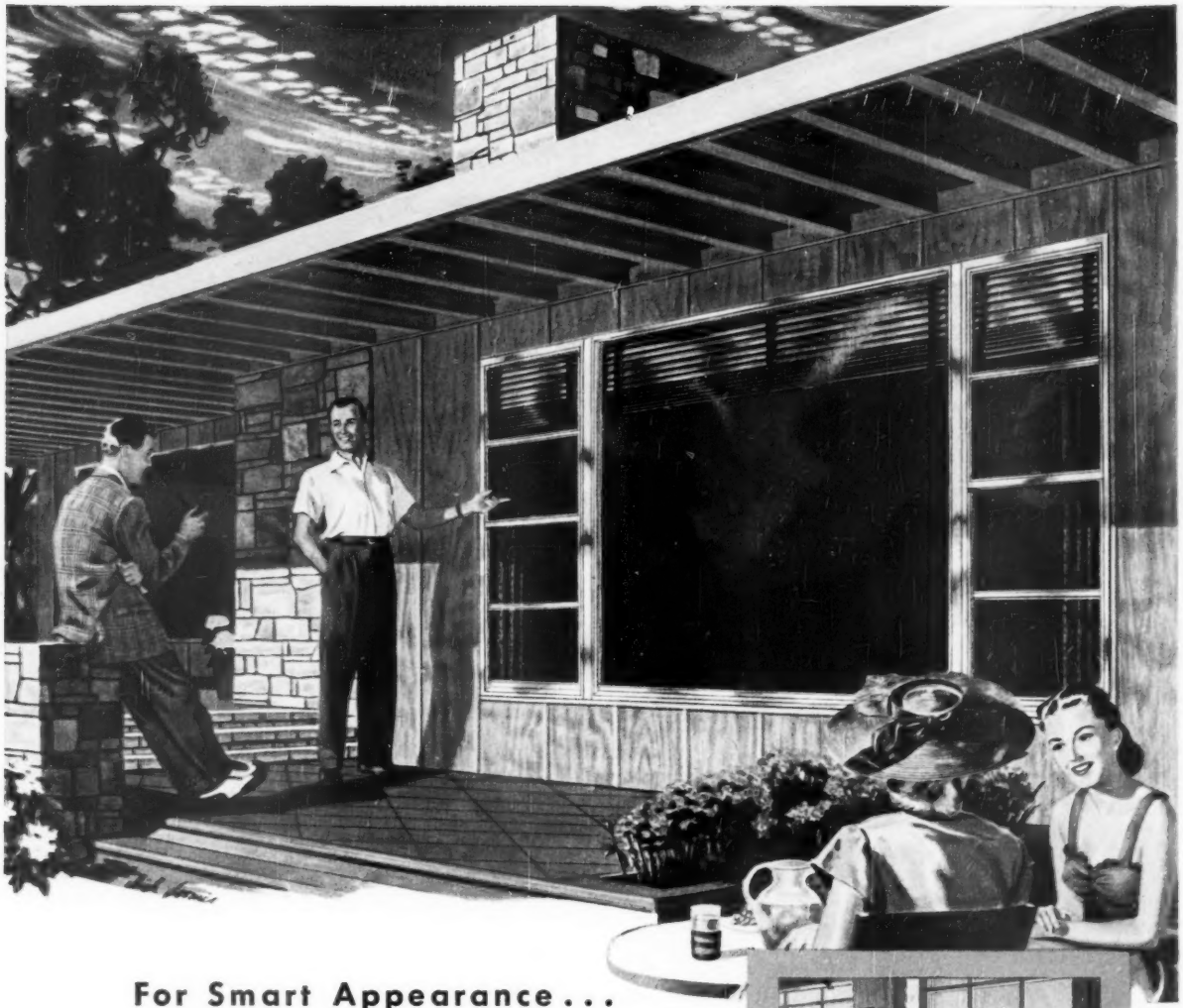
Its location, far back from the street, is the only thing Mrs. Hunt's cottage has in common with most garages. But someday two cars will park in its living room



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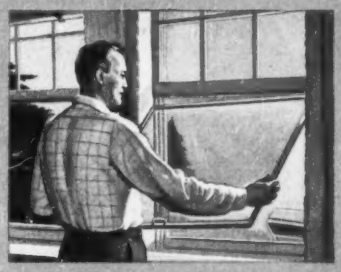

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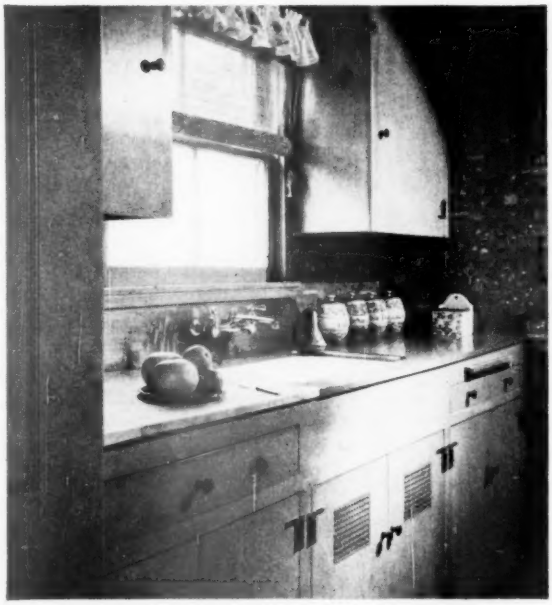
High window over sofa is left uncurtained to let in every ray of daylight. Collapsible shutters of natural wood, held back with old butter molds, close at night for privacy. A real fireplace would be a poor investment for temporary quarters, so Mrs. Hunt lays her fire in a Franklin stove. Its terra cotta stovepipe is painted to match the wall and "disappear" into its corner. Coffee table was a Confederate drum



Compact kitchen some day will become a darkroom for Sally, Jr. Marble slab at left was cut to fit kitchen worktable in the house-to-be

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CARY GRANT and MYRNA LOY—stars of the new RKO Radio movie, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," a Selznick release—play the hat game. The inviting carved-effect carpet: Bigelow's superb Serenade 6910-12. Around $13.95* a sq. yd.

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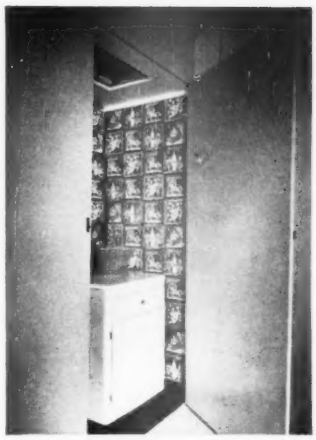
Close-up outside view shows the recessed panel in the right front wall of Mrs. Hunt's garage-home. Someday this panel will be replaced with garage doors. Then the shuttered front door and the double windows will be used in the new house which Mrs. Hunt plans to build in the future



This roomy closet off the living room stores Mrs. Hunt's luggage now. Eventually it will be the laundry, with an automatic washer where the rollaway cabinet is now standing

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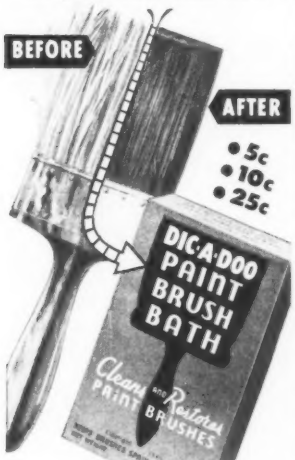

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1. We used a plate to draw a circle on the orange-crate end. Be sure the shelf fits in the space where you'll use it

2. A jigsaw would do this job in jig time, but it isn't impossible with a hand saw. Shave down to the line with a knife, then smooth with sandpaper

3. Thru the center of your wooden disc, drill a ¼-inch hole. This is large enough to allow the disc to turn easily on the spike that will hold it

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How small can your bedroom be?

By Rand E. Wright

THERE'S one nice thing about bedrooms. Most of the time you're in one, you are sound asleep. When you're asleep, you don't care how small the room is, or how it is arranged.

So when your building budget forces you to shrink your house plans, the bedroom is a logical place to start.

Don't get us wrong. We think a living-bedroom, with room for daytime relaxation as well as for sleep, is a wonderful idea. But you probably won't have more than one living-bedroom. How small can the other bedrooms be?

The minimum size for a comfortable bedroom varies considerably, first, with what you are going to put into it, and second, with who will use that room. As a place to start your planning, decide what beds you'll have, and go on from there.

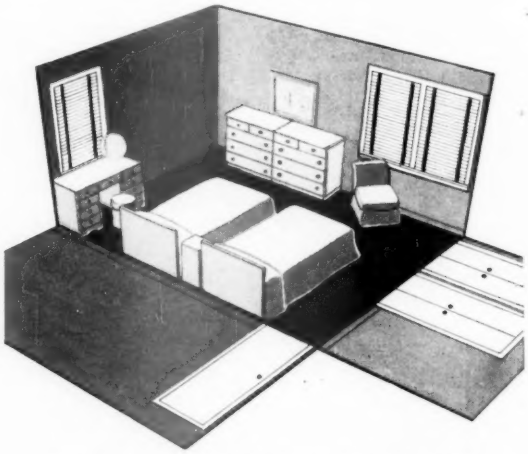
(In the examples given below, you'll notice several bedrooms without cross ventilation. That doesn't mean we advocate such bedrooms; we merely recognize the fact that sometimes it's necessary to have at least one such room.)

Twin beds. You'll need at least 8 feet of unbroken wall space for twin beds. You'll also need two closets, and, unless you have wardrobe closets with built-in drawers, you'll need two chests. You may want a dressing table and a lounge chair.

You'll have to allow at least 3 feet for the bedroom door and frame, and another 3 feet if you plan a door to the bathroom. You'll have closet doors, plus at least two windows.

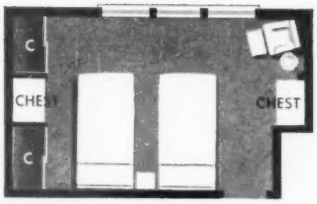
Put these elements together, and you'll have a room with at least 150 to 160 square feet of floor space, not including closets. The exact size depends on the location of doors and windows, and whether you have sliding or hinged closet doors. If wall space is scarce, sliding doors are more practical.

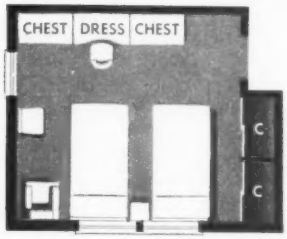
Here are three possible solutions for a bedroom having twin beds:



This room, 14 by 11, solves the common problem of windows in two walls, entrance door in the third, closets in the fourth wall. Note the location of the dressing table in one corner, chests in another

This bedroom, 15 by 10, has all windows in one wall. It allows space for an easy chair and lamp in one corner, has a chest built into one wall between the wardrobe closets

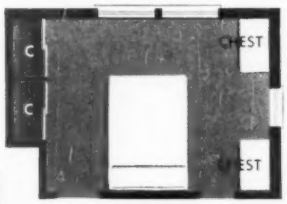


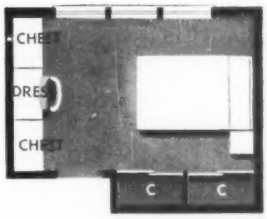


If you use high, strip windows over the beds, you will insure cross ventilation and still have adequate wall space to work with in a bedroom that's only 12 by 13 (see plan at left)

Double bed. A double bed takes about 3 feet less wall space than twin beds. But you still have to allow 8 feet of wall space so you can get in and out both sides of the bed. You'll need the same furnishings and closet space, but not quite so much floor space—between 125 and 135 square feet.

In this 13 by 10 bedroom (right), the double bed fits between doors leading to the hall and bathroom. Closets and chests line side walls





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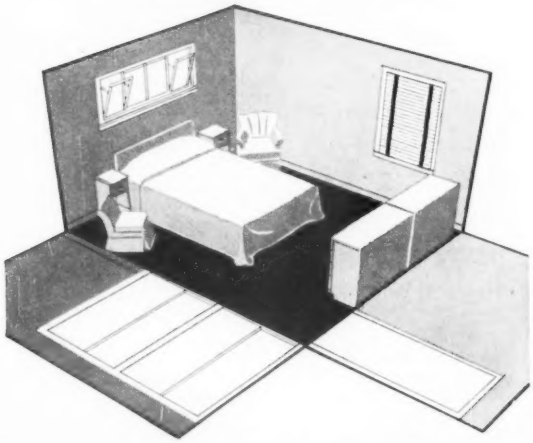

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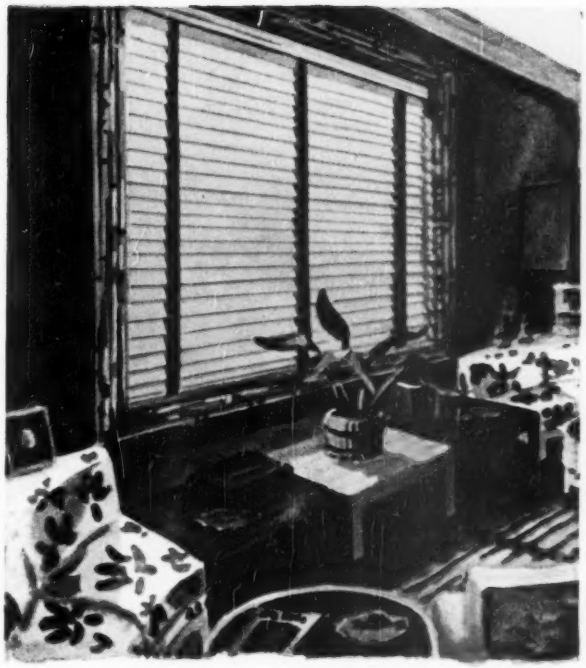

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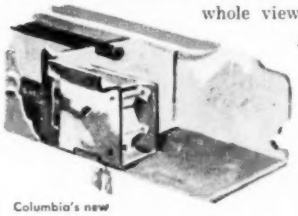

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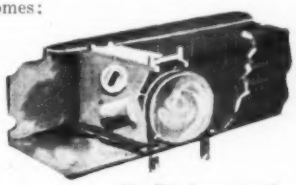

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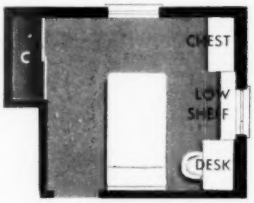
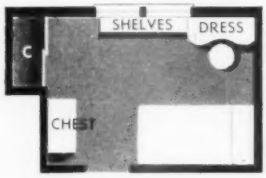
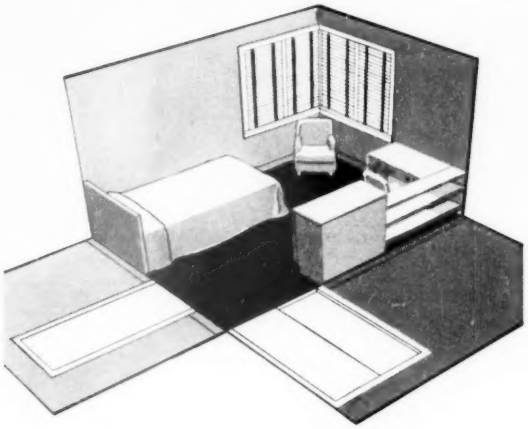
The rooms below show what can be done comfortably in a space between 100 and 110 square feet:

This is a good room for a growing boy. It's 11 by 10. Along one wall is a study desk, low shelves under one window for books or toys, and a chest. Closet is in the wall opposite





In a girl's room, the desk can be replaced with a dressing table. Low shelves under the window provide book storage. This room is 12 by 8½



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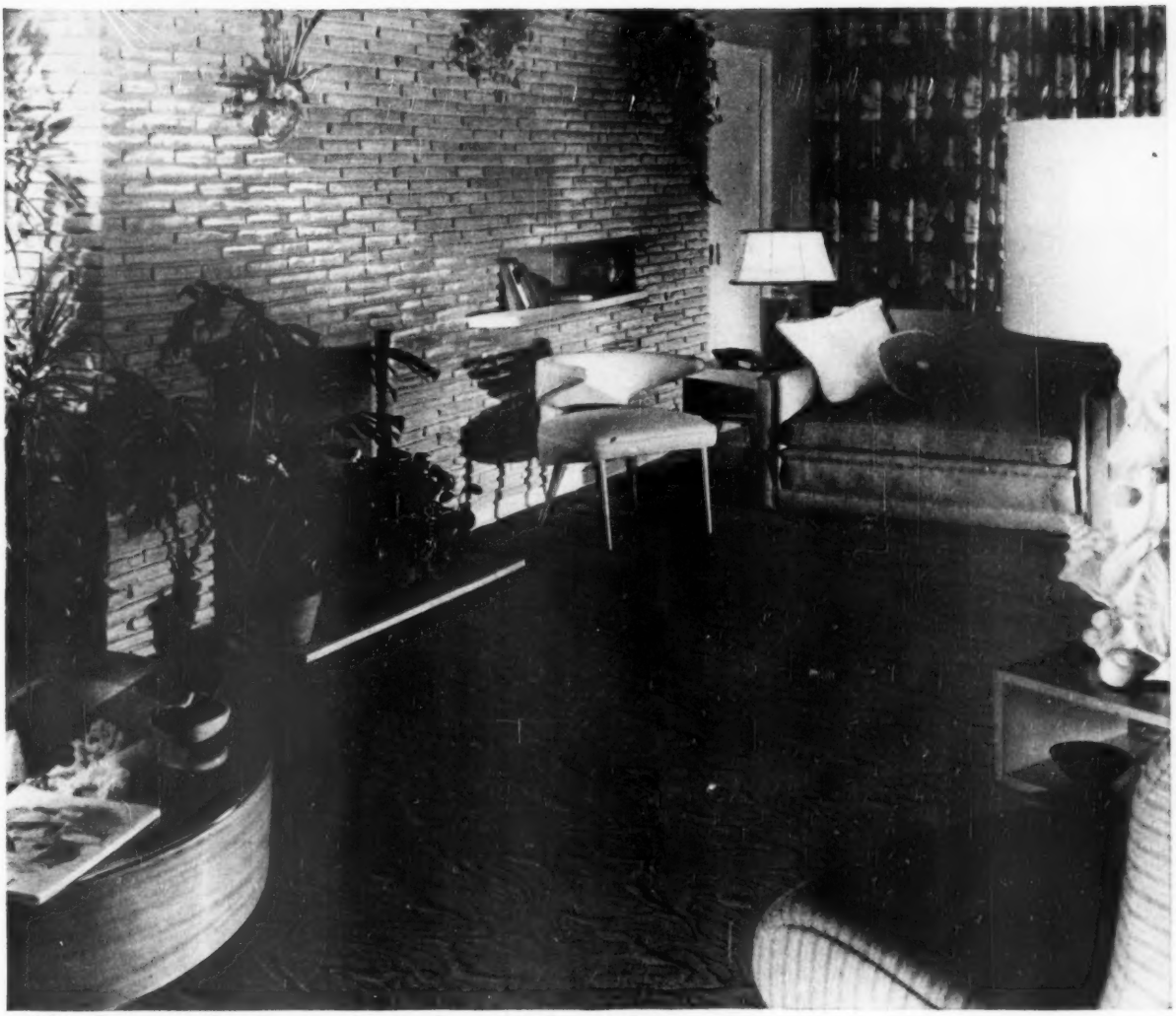

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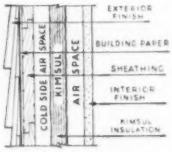

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He decided to check up on his ulcer in January. He went to Doctor Six, a well-known urologist and old acquaintance. Doctor Six sent him to Doctor Seven, an outstanding radiologist. Doctor Seven gave him a $35 X-ray examination. Mr. Friend, the doctor agreed, had a spastic colon and something more interesting—a diverticulum of the duodenum. He showed Mr. Friend this little pear-shaped pouch on the X-ray plate.

"But what about my ulcer?" Mr. Friend demanded.

"You never had an ulcer," said the doctor. "It's a diverticulum."

"Oh. What about my appendix?"

"It empties and fills very nicely. Nothing there."

The report went back to Doctor Six, who discussed the diverticulum with a surgeon, Doctor Eight. They decided Mr. Friend had better keep this strange defect with which he was born. They charged him nothing. An operation would be difficult and expensive, and the thing probably wouldn't trouble him much. These doctors knew their stuff, it appeared. Mr. Friend started drinking and smoking again and a year later Selective Service physicians gave him 1-A in health. They confirmed the presence of his diverticulum. But they said he was fit to fight. Civilian responsibilities and frustrations behind him, he got along fine with his trick stomach in the army.

So what do we learn from Mr. Friend's diverticulum? Well, for one thing, it's plain that the diagnosis of disease can be a pretty confusing business, either in private or in government practice. In fact, finding adequate medical care can be quite an exasperating thing. How could compulsory insurance improve the situation?

MERELY changing systems would not change the people in the system. The same doctors would be diagnosing and treating our ills, but they would be paid by a federal health fund. Such a government program, to operate at all, would have to set up standards and specifications, codes and forms, to

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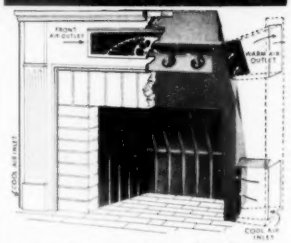

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cover every possibility. It would be much the same as with war contracts, income-tax returns, the O.P.A. Would all that simplify getting you the right care when you're sick?

How can you standardize the skill or specify the judgment, good and bad, that eight qualified specialists contributed to the diagnostic odyssey of Mr. Friend? Look at the list—chronic appendicitis, spastic colitis, duodenal ulcer, and duodenal diverticulum.

I don't need to tell you that government employees can become very stubborn about deviations and exceptions not fitting the rules.

WHAT if the civil servant handling insurance claims had insisted on Mr. Friend's first diagnosis—chronic appendicitis? The diagnosis is common enough, but Dr. Walter Alvarez, the great Mayo Clinic internist, studied several hundred "chronic appendicitis" cases. He found the majority got their symptoms back following an operation.

Doctor Four, a government radiologist, saw an ulcer in the X-ray plate, but to Doctor Seven, the private radiologist, it was a diverticulum. Whose word do you take? The Veterans Administration, faced with classifying millions of chest X-rays after the war, called in five leading radiologists. They disagreed so much in their reading of 1,200 plates that the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published an editorial warning doctors to double-check each other.

YET the health reformers ask for mass-production medicine! The truth is that medical science has no magic wand. None that can be placed in the hands of 150,000 doctors to bring health to everyone. Science has provided your doctor with a lot of tools and techniques. But it is a mistake to assume that every doctor can do as well as the best with these tools.

For example, nearly half of the country's general practitioners had practically no training in children's diseases during their hospital internships. Yet it is these doctors who treat three out of four of our children.

Worse yet, the proposed health-insurance law permits any physician holding a state license to give insurance service. State licenses are held, unfortunately, not only by the reputable and the competent but by an assortment of quacks and crooks.

TO BE sure, the national health bill promises the patient free choice of physician and the physician free choice of patients. But would this have permitted Mr. Friend to work his way into good hands? In actual practice, code-conscious insurance administrators and ethics-conscious doctors would have to discourage changing around. *The bookkeeping alone would be prohibitive.* Of course, the patient is entitled to make a complaint against his doctors. But complaints take clerks to record them, inspectors to investi-

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gate them, officials to rule on them. What a beautiful bureaucracy might build up around Mr. Friend's diverticulum—if he ever got beyond the "ulcer" stage.

As Doctor One's rushed handling of the case suggests, it takes time to give good medical care. It takes time for the doctor to remember everything he has been taught. It takes time to win the patient's confidence and make him feel that he's getting his money's worth. You cannot create time by passing a law. If we put every doctor on a 60-hour week, as many of them already are, there would be only about four doctor hours a year for each of us. That's just enough for a careful physical examination.

Well, you ask, wouldn't that be *something?* The health reformers have always said that you should see the doctor early and often. They overlook the possibility that there is some risk as well as gain in seeing the doctor once a year. The risk has been cited by Major-General Paul R. Hawley, famed as the G.I.'s and the veterans' doctor. General Hawley is now chief of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Commission recently organized to combine and expand these voluntary plans. Here's what he says, "There is much evidence that physicians are making invalids every day. I am not at all sure that periodic physical examinations are a good thing." As an example, General Hawley points to many cases of cardiac neurosis caused by calling a patient's attention to an unimportant heart murmur. Such persons are scared sick.

BACKERS of compulsory insurance criticize Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans because they are not "comprehensive," or complete. The Murray-Wagner-Dingell Bill contains a 60-day limitation on hospital service. This sounds like enough care for anybody—anybody but the aged, the chronically diseased, the physically disabled. Rheumatic heart disease requires prolonged bed rest. Cerebral palsy needs continuous therapy. These are only two common conditions that run into months, often years in a hospital. Like tuberculosis and mental disease, they will remain mainly the responsibilities of public and charity institutions.

Then, too, it is probable that Mr. Friend would have had to pay that $28 for the first trip to the doctor's office even under compulsory insurance. The proposed law provides for any necessary limitations on benefits to prevent a run on the insurance bank. Both compulsory and voluntary types of insurance follow the principle of no coverage for the first day or so of sickness. The previous bill, S.1606, made a definite point of this. This is to keep the doctors and their patients from making a good thing of tax-paid medical care.

A psychiatrist I know points out that some people do not appreciate what they get unless they make some sacrifice to get it. The health idealists shy away from all these weaknesses of human nature. But who can deny that the parties of the first and second part take a relaxed view of cost when a third party is paying for it? "If we have socialized medicine, the patient and the doctor will combine to rob the government," once commented Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *A. M. A. Journal*.

Think a minute about the scandalous medical abuses of workman's compensation funds and the amount of secret, unethical, and illegal fee-splitting that goes on among doctors and ask yourself if you want to expose a four- or five-billion-dollar health fund to this medical coin-flipping? Some surgeons perform many unnecessary operations. Mr. Friend would have had one on his appendix, if he had taken Doctor Two's advice. Under compulsory health insurance, it would have been at government expense.

Many avoid going to doctors because they don't believe in them or are afraid to hear the worst. Compulsory insurance would not compel these people to guard their health. Others are more than anxious to take care of themselves. A headache or a tired feeling becomes an excuse for getting a little attention—and getting out of work. In other countries, compulsory health insurance has multiplied the days lost from sickness!

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pulsory health-insurance plan for city employees. It ran into trouble last fall when the demand for services threatened to exceed the dollars supplied by the pay-roll tax. The director asked the doctors to cut down on minor treatments, expensive tests, and hospitalization. Some 900 doctors resigned. They said no layman could tell them how to practice medicine. In the world of the sick, doctors give orders; they don't take them. Doctors remember what administrative interference did in the army. Brass hats often overruled them in the care of the sick.

As LITTLE as the reformers understand doctors, they understand health even less. "From the records of the Selective Service," asserted Senator James E. Murray, senior author of S.1320, "it has been discovered that as a result of lack of adequate medical care, millions of our young people in this country are defective and deficient in health."

The draft statistics are the health politicians' favorite yardstick for measuring how unhealthy we are. The briefest examination of the causes for rejection of 4,200,000 men shows the Senator's claim is at best self-deception. At worst, it's a tragic hoax. Mental defects—among them low intelligence, illiteracy, and emotional instability—made up *nearly half* of the 4-F total. Can medical care give morons more brains? Can it teach the illiterate to read and write? Can psychiatrists prescribe who our parents shall be and how life shall condition us?

How about *physical* defects? Well, few of the blind can be made to see. Doctors cannot give weak eyes 20-20 vision. They may make corrections with glasses. But many 4-F's wore glasses! Can the doctors do anything about it if a man has flat feet or lost two fingers in a buzz saw?

If mass medical care were so vital to good health, one would expect a slump when 40 percent of our civilian doctors were placed in uniform. But despite the shortage of doctors, the civilian death rate continued downward during the war—and in all age groups from under 1 to 75 and over!

The top death-dealing diseases are heart disease, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage, and nephritis. Some cases can be controlled if the doctor is good and the patient willing. But who can prevent them? Would so many doctors die in their fifties of heart disease if medical care could stop it?

The truth is that medical care is only one factor in our quest for health. And it's by no means the most important one. Good health depends on many things—healthy parents, a stable society, a satisfactory job, a happy family, education, nutrition, housing, sanitation, soap and water, accident prevention, good judgment, good luck, and avoiding bad medicine. To a great extent the doctor's role today remains what it was in Hippocrates' day—to comfort, reassure, and relieve the sick.

No, it sounds good. But the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health utopia will not be found in the doctor's office over the corner drugstore, nor in a white-tiled clinic, nor in the law books on Capitol Hill. I agree with a leading student of socialized medicine, Dr. Michael M. Davis of New York. Altho he is chairman of the Committee for the Nation's Health, one of the leading advocates of compulsory health insurance, Doctor Davis testified on S.1320: "I am not in the position of saying or believing that this bill is perfect . . . there are many questions in it on which there is reasonable ground for difference of opinion." There sure are!

Doctor Davis points out one great difficulty: "the problem of passing a law like this and putting it into effect . . . rapidly enough to enable the government, which is taking in money from the people by law, to deliver the services involved in the law."

A compulsory health-insurance system might well leave you paying for your medical care twice. Once to the government for service you can't get or don't want. Again to a private physician choosing to stay out of the system.

The best doctors, naturally, will never lack for patients under any system. Their medicine would not taste better out of a government bottle. We will never make it stronger by diluting it with something for nothing and a little for everybody. National health insurance, in the spirit of S.1320, is one of the biggest pieces of wishful thinking ever paraded in the name of social justice.

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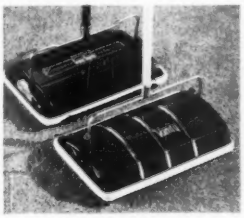

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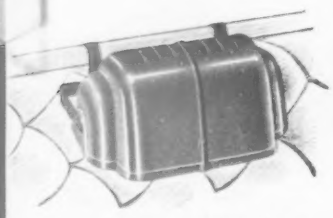

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Dining rooms

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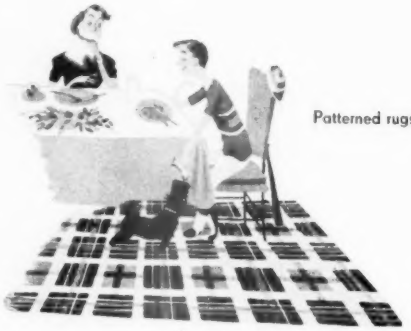

Patterned rugs for camouflage

Is it too small? Better buy furniture big enough to cope with your room. Or group small-scale dining pieces at one end of the room, and use the other end for reading, sewing, or record-playing.

Should you buy a suite at all? True, most dining-room furniture is still sold in suites. But more and more of it is becoming available a la carte, so you may buy separately, one at a time, the number of pieces your dining room needs.

If you're the kind of family that likes to give elaborate dinner parties, you will be happiest with a complete dining suite. But if you like to live casually and entertain informally, let your dining room look like the second living room that it is. Buy a table with drop leaves to stand by the window for a dozen activities besides dining. Or consider one of those roomy models that seats eight, yet telescopes into a game table between meals. Buy upholstered host chairs instead of dining armchairs, a breakfront or pair of chests instead of a sideboard.

Accessories add a homey note

Actually, good accessories are as at home in one room as in another. The fruit prints and old china usually associated with dining rooms are still lovely. But so are flower or bird prints, a large mirror, or any accessory which you would be proud to have in your living room.

Dining-room chairs come with a living-room look

Serving table—part-time maid

Off-center arrangement for modern buffet

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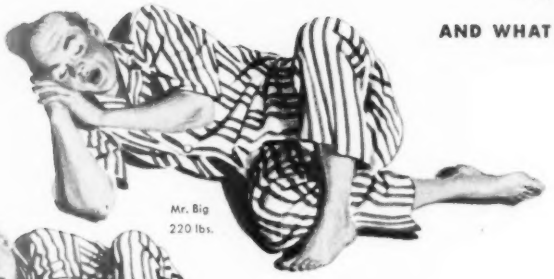

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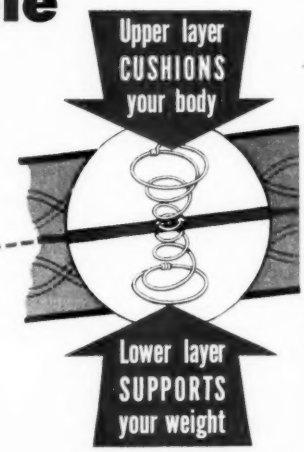

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Better Homes & Gardens **picks the best new records . . .**

Your family albums for September

By Irving Kolodin*

Classical

Best bet:

Wagner: Five Songs. Eileen Farrell, soprano, with Leopold Stokowski conducting. Six sides. (*RCA Victor*)

Eileen Farrell's large and lustrous voice is here properly reproduced for the first time. With Stokowski and the recording engineers as a harmonious team, she soars thru these songs with beautiful ease and expressiveness. "Songs," incidentally, is a slight misnomer for this music, since they are actually preliminary sketches for Wagner's Tristan, containing in compact form many of the finest ideas in that score. A very brilliant recording.

Also recommended:

Smetana: Overture to The Bartered Bride. Sadler's Wells Orchestra, conducted by Constant Lambert. Two sides. (*Columbia*)

A bright performance with more tonal richness than the recent Defauw recording for RCA.

Bach: Prelude and Fugue in A Minor. Byron Janis, pianist. Two sides. (*RCA Victor*)

Introduces Byron Janis, a young American pianist destined for national notice. Fine reproduction.

Britten: Ceremony of Carols. Sung by the Morriston Boy's Choir. Six sides. (*English Decca*)

A moving work, wonderfully reproduced.

Light

Best bet:

Songs of Our Times: 1917-1943. Eight sides per album. (*Decca*)

With its current release, Decca has completed one of the monumental projects in American recording: a series of 25 albums, one for each year from 1917 to 1943. Each volume contains upward of 20 songs identified with a given year. Don't expect to find nostalgia in the playing, for a conservatively contemporary style is utilized by the various bands employed, including that of Carmen Cavallaro (above). The 1922 album shown features Bob Grant's orchestra.

Also recommended:

Gershwin: American in Paris. The RCA Victor Symphony Orchestra, directed by Leonard Bernstein. Four sides. (*RCA Victor*)

The best recorded treatment to date in a jaunty, energetic tour that's a closer fit to Gershwin's style than the Rodzinski version.

Tropicana: Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra. Six sides. (*Columbia*)

Lively Latin music, lovingly played.

Rose Marie: Marian Bell, soprano, Charles Fredericks, baritone, and ensemble directed by Al Goodman. Six sides. (*RCA Victor*)

A new album of the favorite Friml tunes, in the St. Louis "Muny" Opera style—that is, better than Broadway voices.

Children's

Best bet:

Symphonic Band. Morton Gould and his symphonic band. Six sides. (*Columbia*)

An electric-train type of album, which may be bought for the youngsters, enjoyed by everyone. Morton Gould has applied his sharp talents to the sometimes unwieldy-sounding brass band, refined some of its boom to the advantage of such classics as Sousa's *Washington Post* march, Grainger's *Shepherd's Hey*, and Gould's own *Home for Christmas*. All the numbers standard repertory of high-school bands, and may be recommended to youthful musicians as models of what the sound should be, or to anyone who admires a lusty tune, vigorously played.

Also recommended:

Further Adventures of Tubby the Tuba: Ray Middleton, narrator. Four sides. (*RCA Victor*)

Ray Middleton is neither a Victor Jory nor a Danny Kaye as narrator, but he is pleasant.

Gulliver's Travels: Eight sides. (*Decca*)

The full Robin-Rainger score from the favorite cartoon film.

Around the World: Two sides. (*Young People's Records*)

For the youngest youngsters (2-6). A six-minute tour of the globe. Good songs, apt fancy.

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★ ONE of America's top judges of classical and contemporary music, Irving Kolodin, is well known as music critic of the *New York Sun* and more recently as editor of the *Saturday Review of Recordings*. He is the author of four books: *The Metropolitan Opera*, *The Kingdom of Swing* (with Benny Goodman), *The Critical Composer*, and *Guide to Recorded Music*. He has often been heard as a commentator on opera and instrumental music broadcasts.

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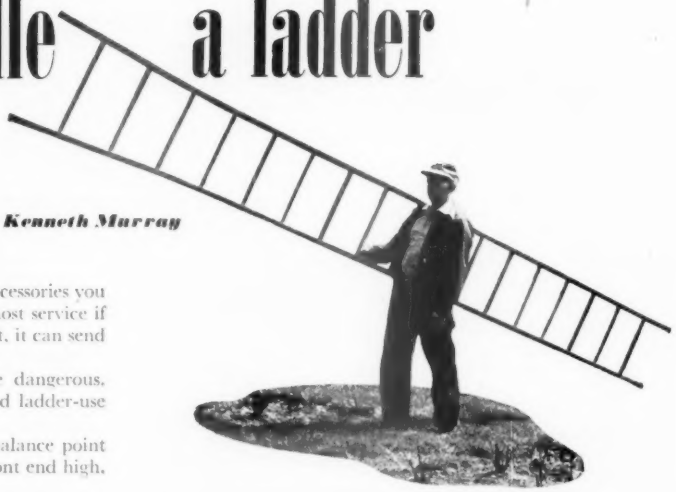
How to handle a ladder



By Kenneth Murray

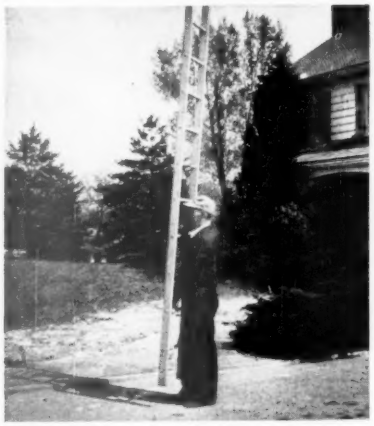
A GOOD ladder is one of the most useful accessories you can own. Like any tool, it will give you the most service if you handle it right. But if you don't use it right, it can send you speeding to the hospital.

A good ladder, properly used, needn't be dangerous. Here, and on the pages that follow, are sound ladder-use tips that will help you live to an old age.

Right: When you carry a ladder, find the balance point and lift ladder onto one shoulder. Keep the front end high.

To erect a ladder, brace the lower end against a step or curb so it cannot slide. Then raise the top end . . .

. . . and walk forward under ladder. Or tie a rope to the lower rung, pass it under ladder, and walk on rope



When the ladder is erect, reach thru it with one arm and lift it off the ground. Carry it thus to the house

When you place a ladder against your house, have correct angle. Here it's too great; ladder may break

There is danger, too, if the ladder bottom is placed too near to the house. The ladder may fall backward

The right position has a base distance one-fourth the ladder length. In this case, base distance is 3 feet

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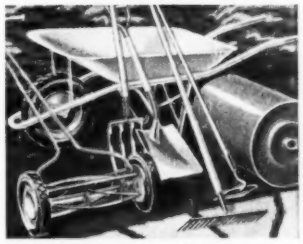

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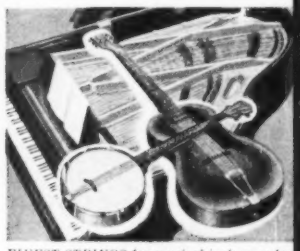

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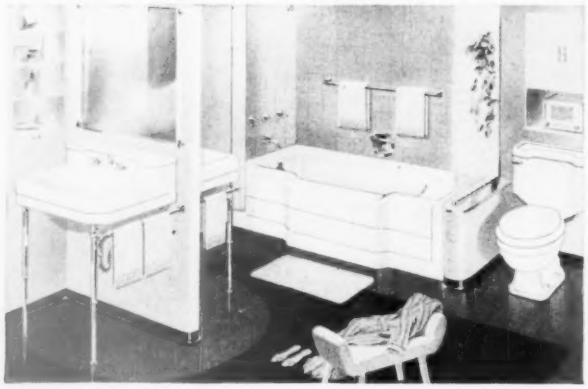

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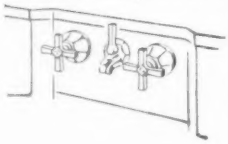

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Always use both hands when you are going up a ladder. After you are in position, use a rope to hoist the materials you will need to do the job

To hold your paint bucket while you work on a ladder, use a strong S-shaped hook bent from heavy wire. Slip one loop of the wire over a rung near the side of the ladder, so you can hang the bucket outside the rail

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To avoid bruises and broken bones, don't let yourself climb higher than second step from the top whenever you are working from a stepladder

Don't use a ladder for any job that requires the free use of both hands for long periods. Build a solid scaffold instead. Always keep a firm grip on the ladder with at least one hand, or crook one elbow around a rung

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And when you are working from a straight ladder, don't go higher than the third rung from the top. This is a basic rule for safety on a ladder

If you must let go of the ladder momentarily with both of your hands, you can still be reasonably safe if you will remember to use this simple foothold. It is a trick frequently used by professional ladder workers

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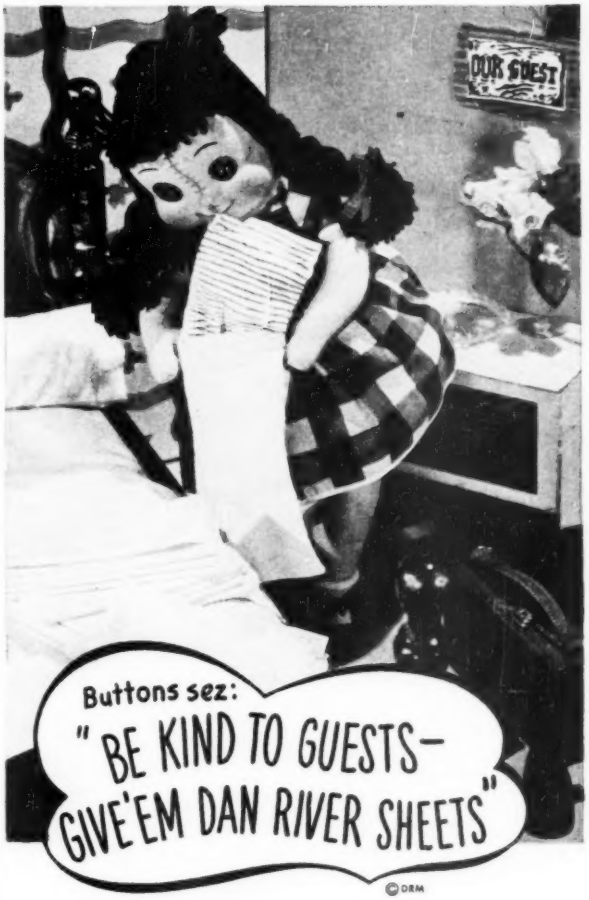

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How to handle a ladder

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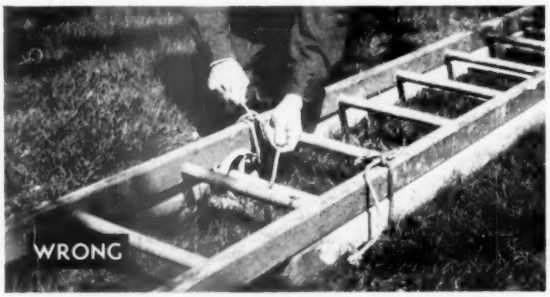
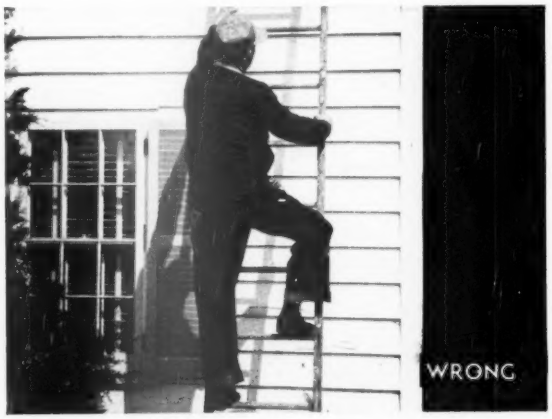
Indoors or outdoors, you may find it quite unlucky to use any kind of ladder in front of a door that opens toward the ladder. Best precaution: First make sure the door is locked. You won't have fun in the hospital



Never splice two short ladders together to get a longer one. Even if your splice is strong, short ladders aren't strong enough to stand the strain



Never let yourself be tempted into using a rickety, decrepit old ladder. It isn't safe, even if you are careful to step near the ends of the rungs

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Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bullock of Astoria, N. Y. with Bonnie and Patricia. Painted by Wesley Snyder. On the floor, Masland Imperial Argonne Broadloom #18T.

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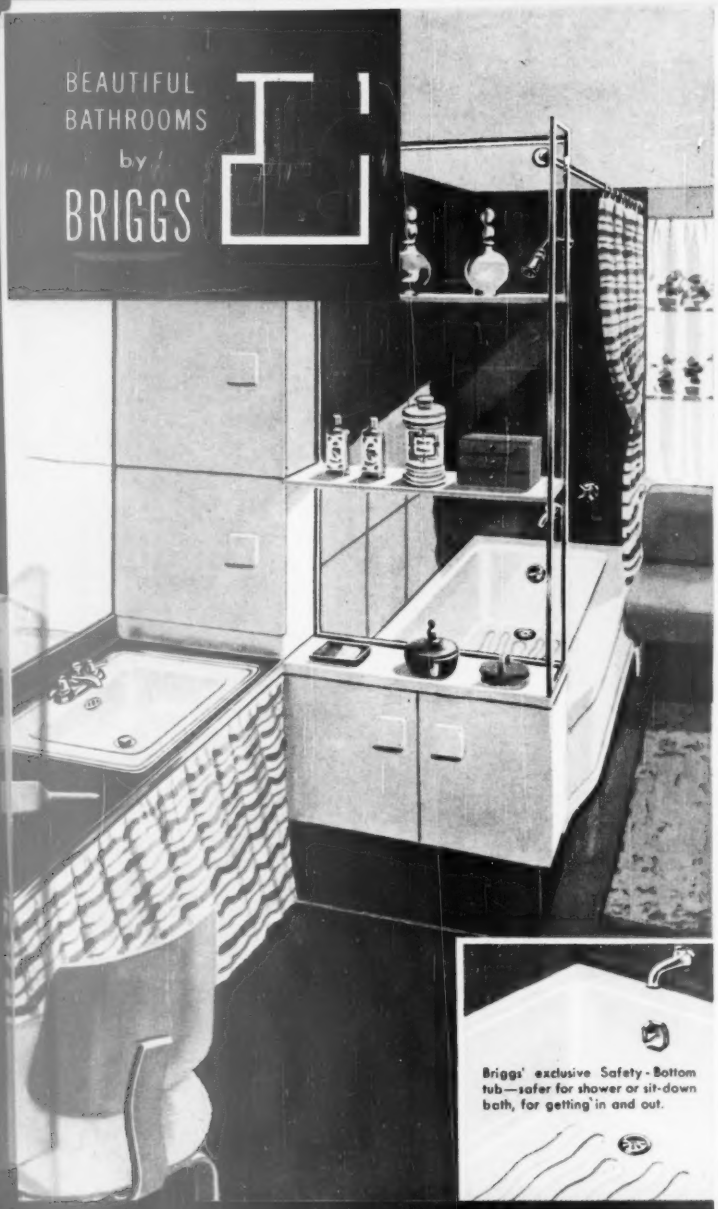

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It is easier to raise the upper half of an extension ladder into position if you have the help of a strong rope attached as shown in the picture above. If you are using an extension ladder frequently, attach a pulley to one of the top rungs of the lower section so the rope will pull easier

Never climb a ladder without first cleaning all mud or grease from the bottom of your shoes. Grease will increase the danger of your slipping and falling. Mud may also make you slip, and mud grit will eventually wear down the rungs, shorten life of your ladder. Don't take chances

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When the bottom of your ladder must rest on concrete or wet, slippery soil, ask your wife to brace it for you. If there is no one around to hold the ladder for you, it is a good idea to set the ladder on a sandbag

Still another way to get an extra margin of safety when your ladder rests on concrete is to tie the bottom rung securely to a convenient post with rope or clothesline wire. This keeps the base of the ladder from slipping

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Using a ladder on a roof

When you use a ladder for work on a roof, remember to place your feet sideways on the rungs. To raise the ladder into position and anchor it, tie a rope to the top rung, and throw the rope over the roof's peak

Standing on the ground on the other side of the house, pull on the rope until the ladder is raised to the proper position. Then tie the rope securely to the nearest post or tree, and you are ready to go to work

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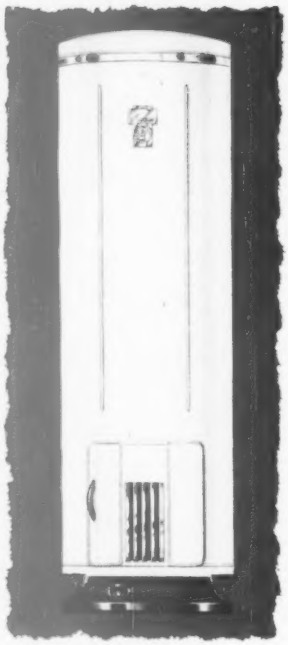

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When there's danger that your ladder might mar the paint on your house, cover the top ends of the side rails with old gloves or woolen socks. For permanent protection, you can cement pieces of rubber stair treads to ends of rails, or you can tack pieces of an old tire in place

A good way to store your ladder is to hang it on a wall of your garage, with enough supports so the ladder won't be subject to undue strains. Here, four 6x8-inch shelf brackets are spaced on the wall to distribute the weight. Brackets of this size will easily support two long ladders

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Solving the rainy-day play problem

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paste is glossy (about three minutes). Remove from flame.

Stir soap flakes into mixture. Add glycerin and pour mixture into a jar. The glycerin acts as a preservative.

Powder paint or vegetable coloring may be added and thoroly stirred into the mixture, or clear paste may be used and the powder paint sprinkled on and mixed by Johnny as he finger-paints. Finger paint should be stored in a tightly covered jar in a cool place or it will sour.

ANOTHER way to brighten rainy days for your children is to give them modeling clay. Potter's clay, bought in powder form or ready-mixed, is most satisfactory. Mix it with water until it's soft and pliable. When Johnny puts the clay away, teach him to roll each piece into a ball, poke a hole with his finger to the center of the ball, and fill the hole with water. Place the balls in a glass jar and cover it with a damp cloth.

If you would rather not have Johnny's little fingers in the pie when you are expecting guests for dinner, why not let him have his own dough? Dough is used in somewhat the same fashion as clay. But it should not be considered a substitute for clay. Rather, it's an additional and different creative medium in which rolling pins and cooky cutters are creative tools.

HERE'S a good recipe for the kind of dough Johnny can revel in:

Cooked Dough

1 cup flour	4 cups boiling
½ cup cornstarch	water
¼ cup cold water	6-8 cups flour
1 cup salt	Coloring

Mix one cup of flour and the cornstarch. Add cold water and mix until smooth. Dissolve salt in boiling water and add to first mixture. Cook over low flame until clear. Cool overnight. Then knead in about three cups of flour and food coloring or powder paint. Continue adding flour until correct consistency is attained. (Pliable and soft but not sticky.) Store dough in an airtight jar.

Weather changes and use may make the addition of more flour desirable after a day or two. If the dough becomes too stiff, more water may be worked in.

Cooked dough is spongier and has more spring than uncooked dough. It will keep longer and is less drying to the hands. Uncooked dough, however, has the advantage of being more quickly and easily made.

Uncooked Dough

4 cups flour	Water
1 cup salt	Coloring

Mix flour and salt. Add coloring. Add water until mixture is soft and workable, but not sticky. Keep in an airtight container.

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Dining rooms *adopt odd furniture as easily as matched suites*

Maynard L. Parker

A Sheraton mahogany chest, an Early American pine cupboard, and an Early American table and chairs that show a Sheraton influence hardly add up to an orthodox dining suite. Even the chairs aren't matched. But you can see how well they all fit together. Sally Hunt, decorator

George de Gennaro

No conventional buffet could show off family silver more attractively than these shelves in the dining room of Edward Boyle, Los Angeles. You may have as fine a piece gathering dust in your own attic—try removing the finish, sanding and waxing it, then use it in your dining room

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Decorating—how to go about it

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Dining rooms *have traffic lanes, too.*

Here's how to keep them clear

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Millard

With drop-leaf table pushed against wall at left, there's clear passage from this doorway to alcove across the room. Peggy Sloane, decorator

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How to make a twirling shelf

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4. Drive the spike thru the 2x4 base, then smear a lubricant such as petroleum jelly between the washers as you drop them into place over the spike

5. If you paint the disc, it will look better and be easier to keep clean. White gloss enamel will cover well and will look well in most kitchens

6. When the paint is dry, tack on the shelf edging to match that of your cupboard. Edging hides the 2x4 block

7. Here is the finished shelf, ready for use. You'll find it holds many containers, each readily accessible. Push a cork over the sharp end of the spike

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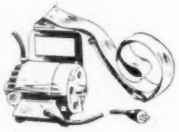

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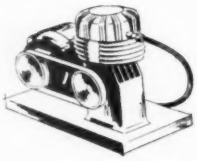
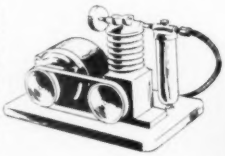


Enough pressure for all but very heavy finishes is provided by an outfit with a ¼-horsepower motor and a diaphragm-type air compressor. Cost is a little higher than for the shoulder outfit



Slightly less than $50 is a ¼-horsepower model with a piston-type compressor. Usually it has a small trap to catch condensed moisture and oil fumes. It is the nearest thing to a professional's equipment for the money

A pot-type outfit, which many paint stores rent, holds 3 gallons of paint. It's best for spraying a house. You can spray a couple of hours without a refill. And you don't get finger cramps from holding a heavy gun while you work from ladder

In most outfits, the pot holds a quart of paint, and is attached to the spray gun. The gun itself is connected to the motor and compressor with a 15-foot hose. The trigger controls the paint flow

You'll need three spray tips. One throws a round pattern for spotting. The next gives a flat, fan-shaped pattern for flat surfaces. The third is angled for ceiling work

By Bob Gilmore

ANYBODY can use a paint spray gun. So can anybody apply paint with a brush. The results you get with either depend on how much you know, and how much you practice.

But the fact remains that any practiced amateur can lay on paint with a gun more smoothly than most skilled painters can do it with a brush. And manufacturers claim the amateur can paint five times as fast with the gun, using less paint.

That's enough to make a lot of home handy men vote for spraying. Here are the things you should know to keep your first spray jobs as free of mistakes as possible. The practice is up to you.

Preparation

You'll probably spend more time getting ready to spray than you do putting on the finish. Advance work pays big dividends.

1) Whatever you intend to paint, strip off dirt and old finish, smooth with sandpaper, and wipe dust-free, exactly as tho you were going to brush-paint.

2) Cover everything in the room that might be marred by settling spray. Newspapers [*Turn to page 166*

Here is a spray gun in use. When you spray, always wear a respirator. It gives you valuable protection against paint poisoning. Wear mask even for outdoor work. Cap keeps drift spray out of your hair

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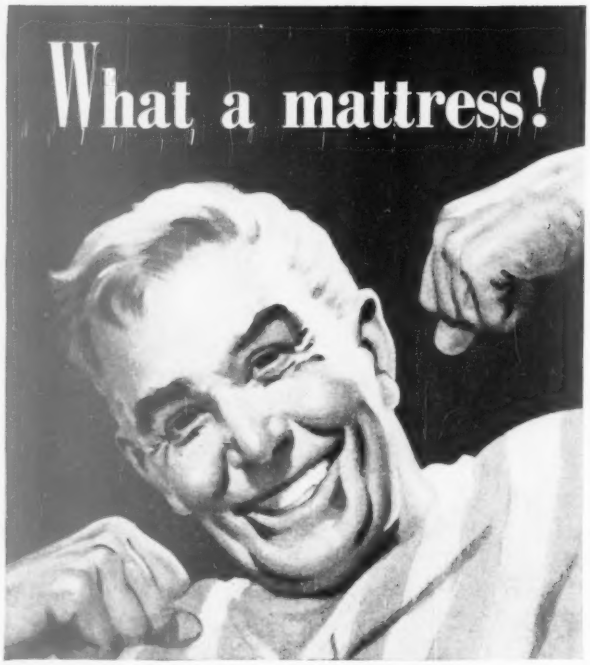

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Have you painted with a spray gun?

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tend to blow around; old sheets or canvas dropcloths work much better.

3) If you are spraying walls, cover doorknobs, wall switches, light fixtures, and anything else that shouldn't be painted. Use masking tape—you can buy it at any paint or hardware store in widths from ½ inch up.

4) On windows or mirrors, lay masking tape along the edges of the glass and coat the rest of the pane with smear-on masking compound. You may have to go to an automotive supply store to buy the compound; it is widely used to protect car windows while cars are being spray-painted. Or you can use the tape to hold sheets of newspaper over the glass. In bathrooms, use tape and newspapers to mask tub, lavatory, and toilet.

Where masking is difficult, hold a piece of metal or stiff cardboard in one hand and move it along as a mask while you spray. This is the handiest way to spray screens or screen frames.

5) Strain your finish, new or old, as you pour it into the spray container. Use a clean silk cloth, or buy special, cone-shaped paper strainers at your paint store.

6) Don't start to spray until you have all the finish and thinner you'll need. Don't spray on damp days. Don't spray when the temperature is below 70 degrees, or your finish will dry very slowly.

How to spray any finish

Before you attack any job, practice and adjust your gun on a scrap board until you are sure of yourself.

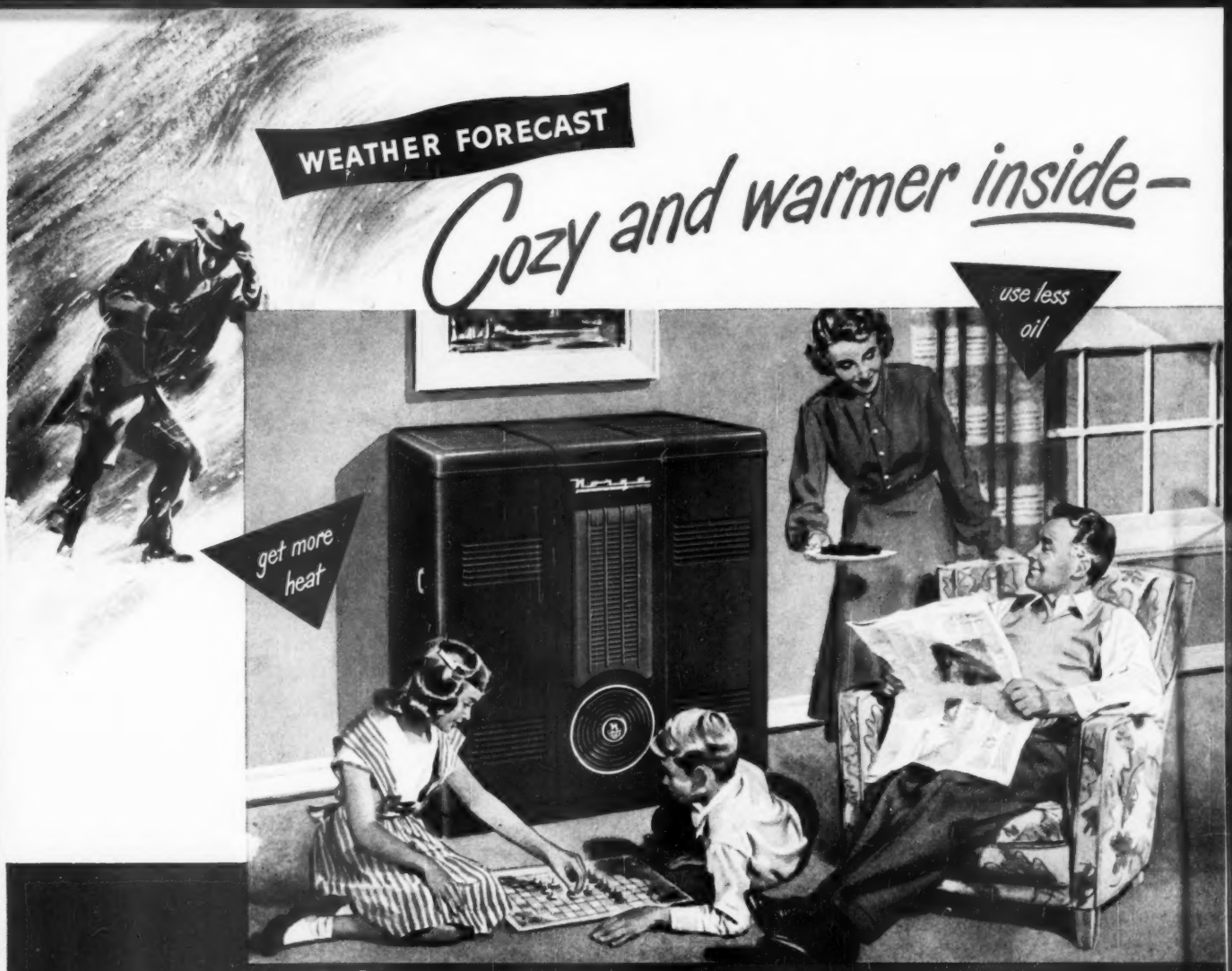
Hold the gun in one hand, and with the other keep the hose clear of the surface you are spraying. Don't let the hose coil underfoot; standing on it may cut down air pressure to where the gun will spit blobs of paint.

The center half of each sprayed strip gets the thickest coat, so lap upper fourth of each new stroke over lower fourth of preceding stroke

Without pulling the trigger, brush the air spray from the gun over the area to be finished, to blow away any dust.

Hold the spray tip six or eight inches from the surface as you apply the finish.

If you are finishing a large panel or wall, begin at an upper corner and work from right to left. Move down as each swath is laid on. On each stroke, begin swinging the gun from a point to one side of where you start the spray. When the starting point is reached, press the trigger and hold it until the other edge of the panel [*Turn to page 168*



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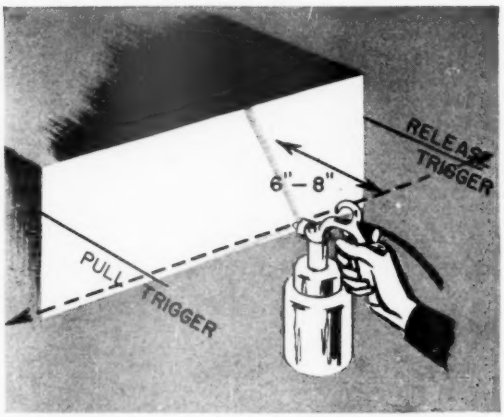

Always sweep your spraying stroke so the tip of the gun stays the same distance from the surface, and so the spray will strike at right angles

sweep is reached. Release the trigger then, but without halting the sweep of your gun.

Don't let the pace of your stroke change. Any hesitation or halt without a release of the trigger will let too much finish pile up, and you'll have a sag or a run.

Holding the gun too close to the work will also produce a sag or a run: holding it too far away will fog the finish and produce a dull effect.

Knowing how such errors occur, however, you can emphasize them to gain special effects. Fogging, for example, can be emphasized to produce a spatter pattern.

Corners, the meeting points of chair rounds and legs,

Follow a curve as if the tip of the gun were connected to the surface with an invisible link, the same length as the proper spraying distance

carved ornaments, sharp edges, and fancy legs are cunning traps that can catch too much finish and make messes. They are best sprayed with tentative spurts, aiming the gun so each spurt is at right angles to the nearest surface.

Spraying specific finishes

The spraying techniques described above apply to any finish. Here are specific tips about finishes you might use.

Paint, varnish, or enamel. These three finishes should be thinned (using the thinner recommend- [*Turn to page 170*

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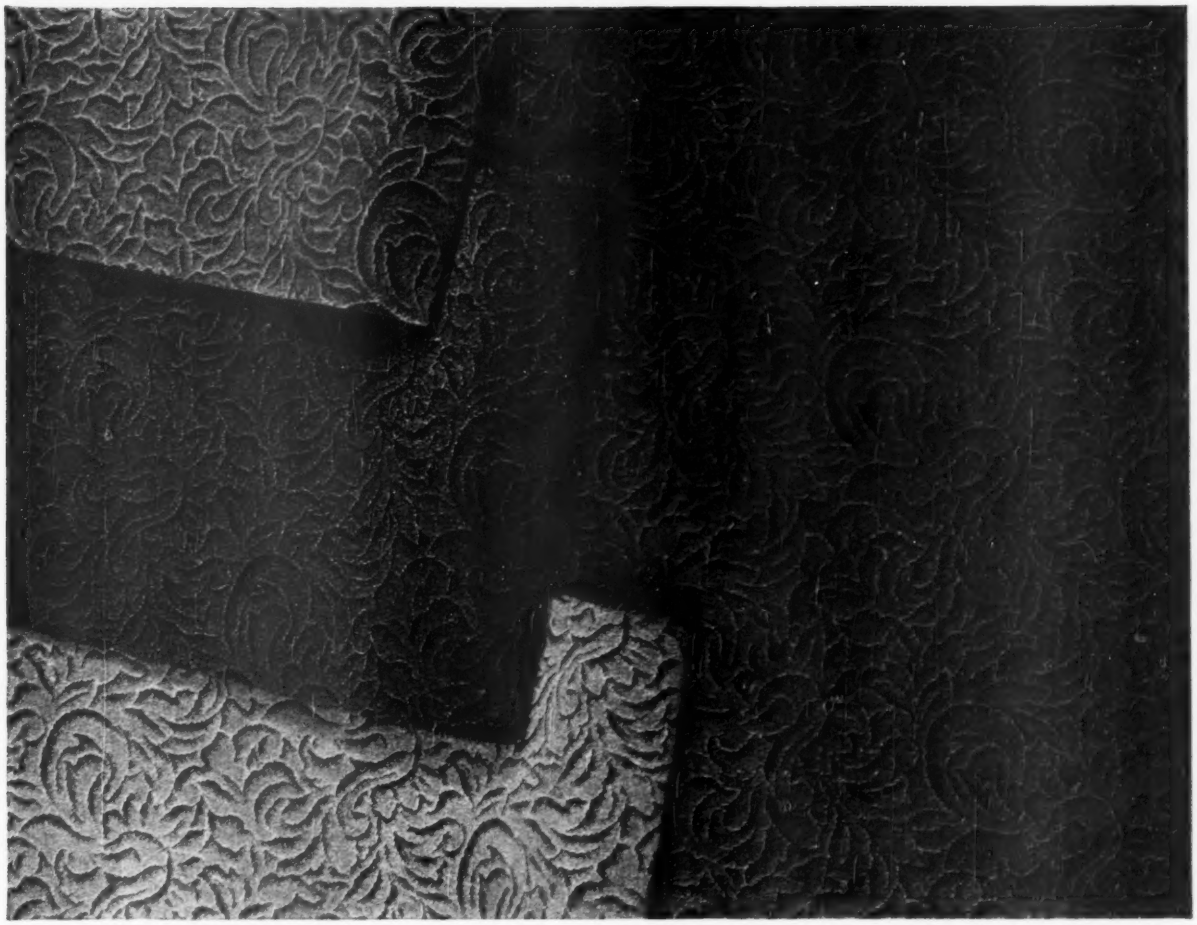

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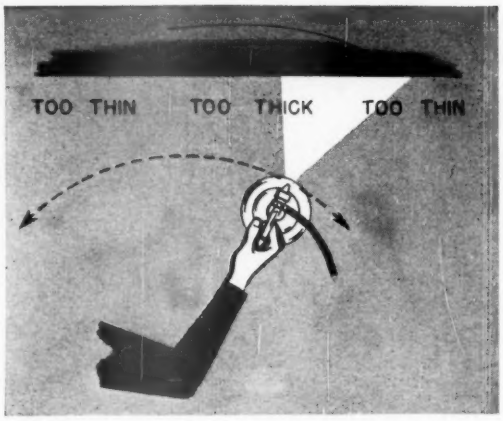
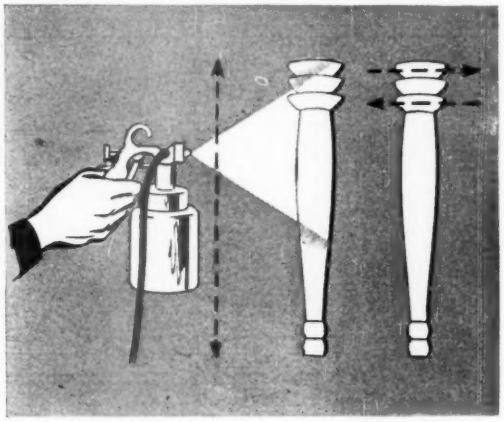


Don't pivot the sweep on your elbow or shoulder joint, or you'll get a strip of paint that is too thin at the ends and too thick in the middle



On a leg with knobs and spools, where you can't follow the contour, sweep the main stroke along leg, then pass brief spurts across turnings

ed by the manufacturer) for the first coat. Use about one-fourth as much thinner as paint. Fog on the first coat, holding the gun a little farther from the surface than you ordinarily would.

Apply successive coats of finish thinned about the same. One prime and one finish coat may cover, but two finish coats are better. A dryer can be added to the mix to speed drying.

Don't add a coat of paint until the preceding coat is thoroly dry.

Between coats of paint, varnish, or enamel on small objects, sand the surface lightly.

Synthetic enamel. This finish, usually used for cars and furniture, is handled much as those above. Any difference will be noted on the can label or in leaflets the dealer will give you.

Lacquer. This finish is the most delicate—and the most fun—to spray. It dries very rapidly, which cuts down the danger of dust specks. But it requires swift action in repairing errors.

Lacquers are thin, light liquids, easier to mix than slower-drying finishes, but much more flammable. Using the recommended thinner, thin the first coat of special lacquer primer about two-thirds. Thin successive coats of finish lacquer about the same. The final coat may be thinned even more. Use three to five coats.

Don't try to spray lacquer over ordinary paint, varnish, or enamel without first applying a special sealer coat. Otherwise oils in the lacquer will dissolve the old finish, producing a gummy, non-drying effect and lifting lacquer.

Lacquers need not be sanded between coats.

With lacquer, the free spray dries to dust in the air within a few seconds. Hence fogged coats should be avoided.

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Correcting errors

The best spray operators mess up a spot now and then. Most common errors are *sags* (finish laid on so thick it flows downward in drapes); *runs* (large drops streaking down, usually from sags); *holidays* (spots left bare); *orange-peeling* (bumpy finish), and *fogging* (dull, pebbled surface resulting from holding the gun too far from the surface).

Not errors exactly, but still needing repair, are specks, bumps, or bubbles caused by foreign objects or moisture from the compressor.

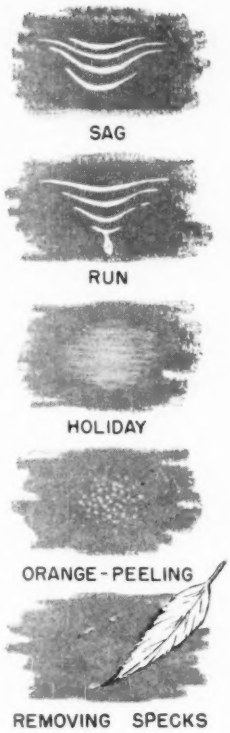
Sags and runs. Professionals take care of sags and runs by wiping them away with the palm of the hand. Rags aren't used because they may leave lint. When the excess finish is wiped away, the bare area is carefully spotted in with short, tentative spurts. Be careful to avoid sags around the spot, where the repair overlaps the area already sprayed.

Holidays. Spot in holidays (bare spots) exactly as you repair wipe spots—without wiping off any finish, of course.

Orange-peeling. Too thick a finish mix, or too much air pressure, will produce orange-peeling. Cure it by adding thinner to the mix, or by adjusting the gun for a less powerful spray. Repair it as you would a run or a sag by wiping off and spotting.

Fogging. Stop fogging simply by holding the tip of your spray gun closer to the work.

Bumps, specks, or bubbles. These you can lift free with the tip of a feather. Then stop more trouble at the source. Blow off moisture in the trap by opening the drain valve while the compressor is running. Move your work to a more dust-free spot if possible. Re-strain the mix if it contains lumps or foreign particles.



Safety first—always

There are three basic rules to follow whenever you use a spray gun.

1) Always wear a respirator. With this mask-like filter, you can keep most poisonous pigments out of your system. It shouldn't cost more than $5, complete with extra filter pads.

2) Make sure ventilation is adequate for health and fire safety. If you paint indoors, have the windows wide open. Never spray in a closed room unless you have an exhaust fan that changes the air every three minutes.

3) Never spray near an open flame, or where there is a possibility of sparks. Spraying mixes paint and air to an explosive proportion. Don't smoke while you spray. If you always wear your respirator, you can't.

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Picture of gilt

Gilt picture frames can be cleaned this way: Moisten a pad of cheesecloth with a solution of equal parts of ammonia and denatured alcohol, then pat on frame lightly. Follow with a dry pad to take up soil. Last, put on a little lemon oil to protect and shine the finish.—*Mrs. Hal Geihm, Aurora, Illinois.*

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Spots on wallpaper

To remove grease spots from wallpaper, make a paste of fuller's earth or commercial dry-cleaning powder and carbon tetrachloride. Apply thickly to the spot, and thin out at the edges beyond the soiled area. Let it remain until thoroly dry; wipe off. If there's a ring left, rub some of the powder vigorously into it with finger. Repeat entire treatment if necessary.—*Elna Sprawls, Tarzan, Texas.*

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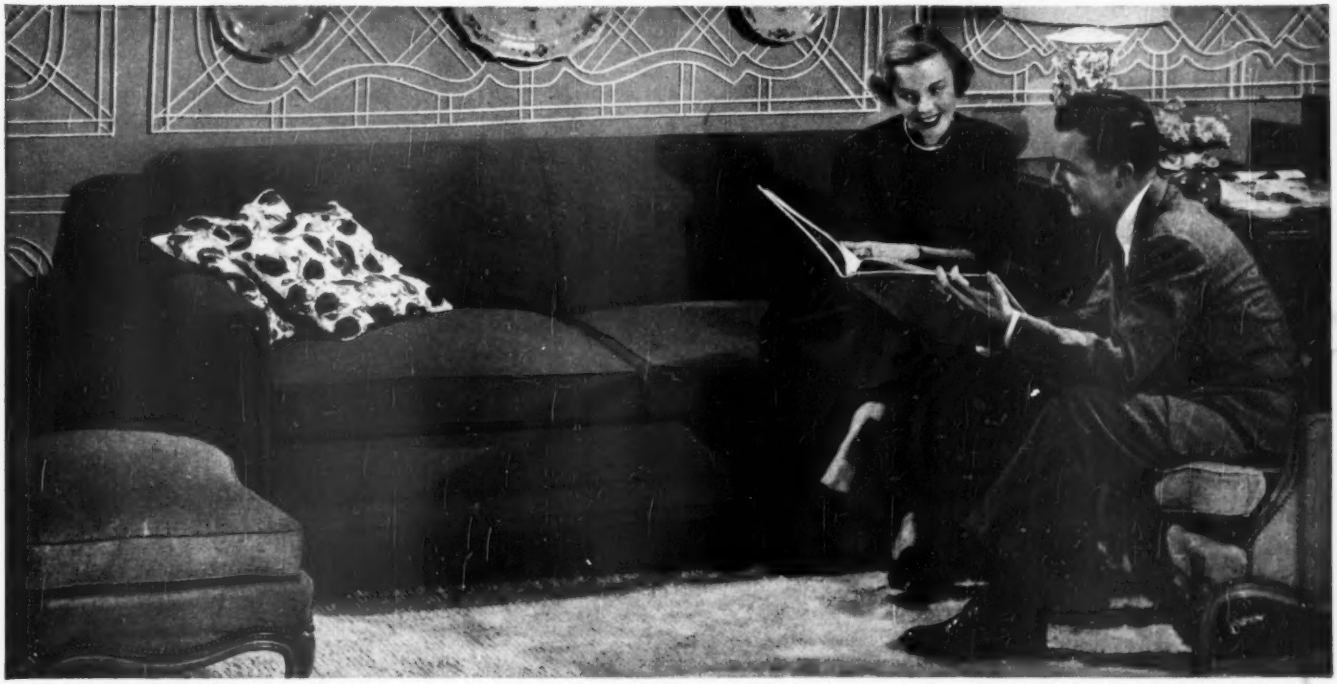

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"To sleep, perchance to dream"

For three reasons the Craig house is an excellent house:

1. It is superbly adapted to the setting. The site is a broad tract that slopes off at the rear where the view lies. To enjoy this view, the kitchen, owners' bedroom, and glassed-in porch are on this side. Less used and less important rooms face the drive on the other side.

2. It is simple but distinctive both inside and out. All corners in the house, for instance, are rounded to soften angles and avoid dusting.

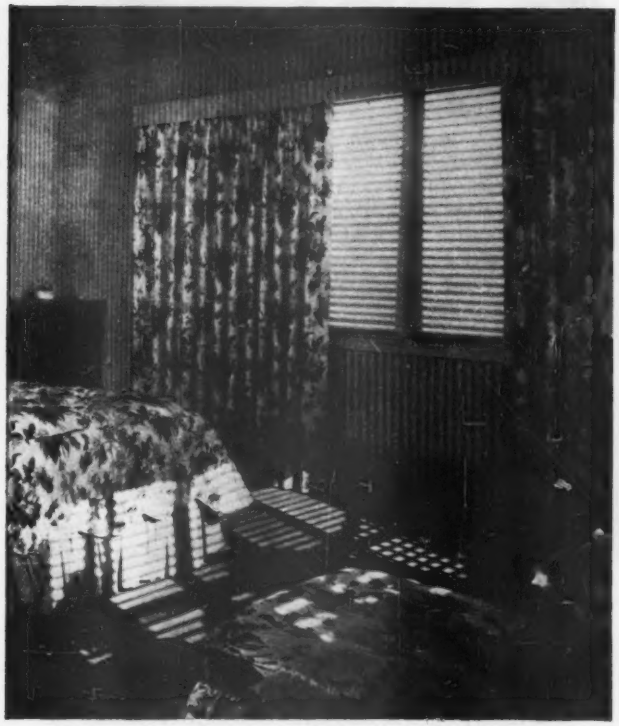
3. It is full of built-ins to make living more comfortable. You will find pictures of details on this and subsequent pages.

Along the entire wall behind the beds is storage space 18 inches deep. Drawers at each end are for clothes. Drawers beneath bookshelves hold sweaters and bulky items. Space directly behind beds, accessible from above, is for blankets and pillows, has a false bottom for valuables

The Craigs' bedroom is at the end of the sleeping wing, has windows on three sides and wardrobes on the other. Window sills are high enough for

of storage like this?

In the two wardrobes there is 12 feet of storage space. Shelves are used for small luggage and boxes. There is room for two rows of shoes, the rear row held at an angle by the heels. A molding used at the ceiling only in the bedrooms covers the break between plaster and wallpaper



placement of furniture beneath. Valances are papered to match the walls. Ceiling height drops off at sides of room and follows roof angle

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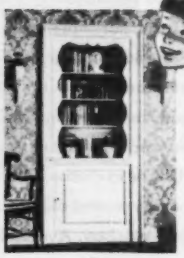
The entrance to your home is a focal point—and you'll give it gracious charm when you choose a Curtis entrance. Note the superb good taste of the Curtis entrance at left (Design C-1733) and the homey hospitality of the one at right (Design C-1724). These are only two of twenty-six Curtis entrance designs.



Storage space can be beautiful—if you choose a Curtis china case. At left is a little jewel, based on American colonial precedent—design C-6520. At right, design C-6522, is a case that captures the charm of old New England. Curtis china cases are made for straight wall or corner installation — in eighteen styles.

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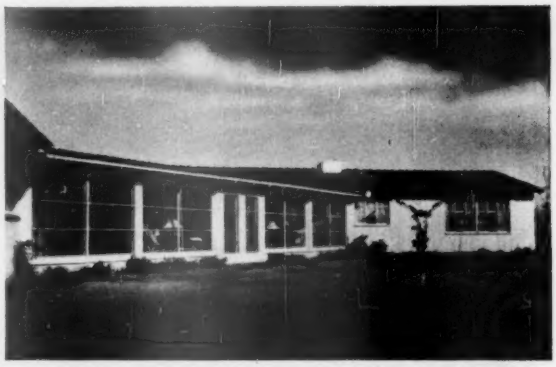
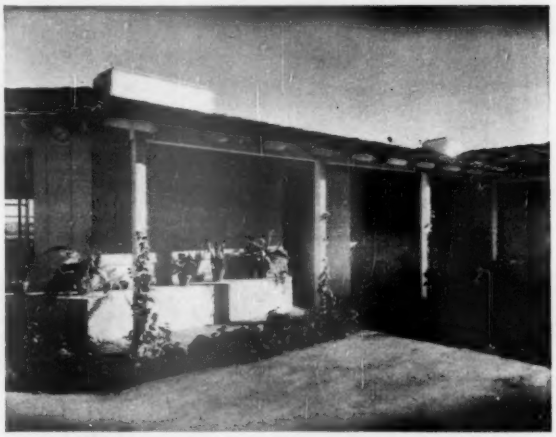


On the view side is a glassed-in porch that fits in between service and sleeping wings. Rough roof texture sets off the smoothness of vertical siding and large glass areas. All but porch windows are casements



An extension of the roof protects the entrance and forms a covered walk between the garage and the front door. The porch floor is brick. A low brick wall for potted plants guides your eye to paneled entrance door

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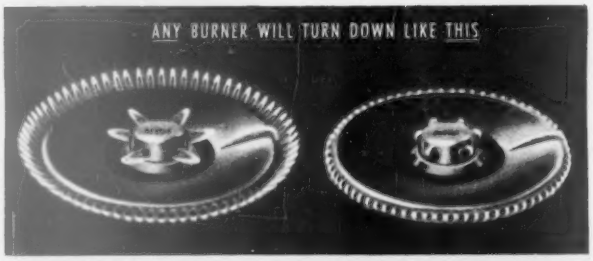

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Bathroom counters are white structural glass. Mirror on side wall lets one person shave while another washes. Ceiling is same color as wallpaper; flower sprays were cut out so flowers seem to grow onto ceiling

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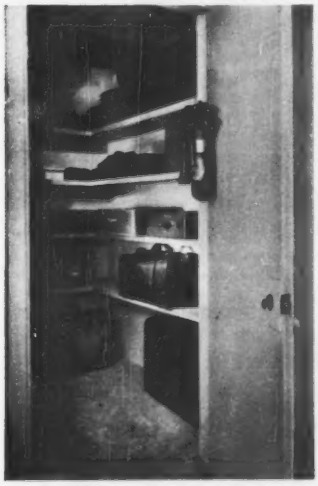
Even miscellaneous space was planned

Bookshelves at one end of living room are recessed into wall. Space below is used for bulky books such as albums. Shelves are adjustable



On the corner of the house between the living room and the bedroom wing is this triangular storage space for picnic basket, luggage, tarpaulins, and other bulky items not connected with the operation or comfort of the house. Note fire extinguisher

In the hall outside the bathroom is a deep linen closet. There are sorting slides which pull out to ease the process of placing clean linen in the proper piles. A set of drawers below holds napkins, luncheon sets, and several bedspreads ↓

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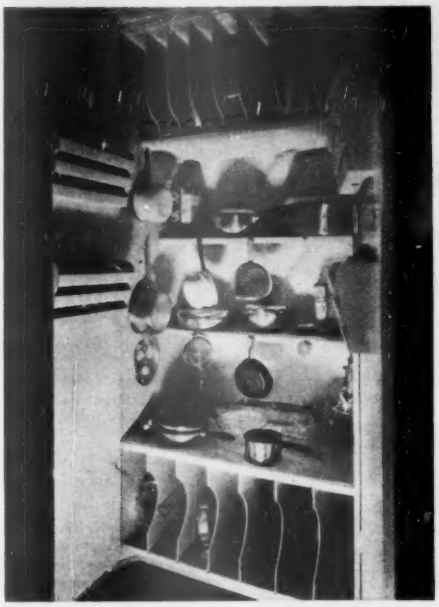

This pan cupboard fits at the left end of the kitchen counter. Slots at top and bottom hold pans, molds, bowls, and other flat utensils. Shelves hold cookers and cook books. From hooks screwed into the front of shelves hang often-used pans and strainers. V-shaped pockets on doors hold miscellaneous pans

Next to the pan cupboard, but in the utility rooms, are the supply and cleaning closets. Shelves at right are deep enough to hold a good supply of foodstuffs. Note that each piece of the vacuum cleaner has its own bracket and the hose rests in a semicircular trough. The ironing board folds out of the door

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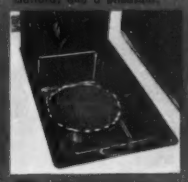
TYPICAL ROASTER OVEN "DISHES"



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Work space with more space than work

The counters and splashboards on the range side of the kitchen are a red mineral plastic. This is the mixing center, and the cabinets here are filled with seasoning and mixing and baking equipment. Thru the pass-thru above counter you can see dinette with its papered ceiling

The kitchen is 12 by 10 feet. Glassware and everyday china are stored in cabinets next to the dishwasher for greatest after-meal convenience. The wood chopping block is built into the counter top. Counters on the sink side of the kitchen are white ceramic tile with similar red tile trim

It's house-cleaning time

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Painted walls. Start washing painted walls at the bottom and work up. (If warm water runs down over a soiled wall, it will leave streaks hard to remove.) On a smooth wall, use cellulose sponge or soft cloth; on textured or sculptured wall, use a stiff brush. Clean a small area at a time, applying cleansing solution with a circular motion. Rinse clean area with clear, softened water; wipe with Turkish toweling, using an up-and-down stroke. Wash next area, starting well within the cleaned part so there will be no streaking. —*Ruth M. Dougherty, Lake Forest, Illinois.*

Moving day. Want to rearrange the furniture? First take the approximate measurements of your room and the furniture, then make cutouts to scale. For example, if a chair is 3 feet wide, cut a paper pattern 3 inches wide. It's easier to juggle these paper patterns than heavy furniture, and you won't move a heavy desk or davenport only to find it doesn't fit the proposed spot.—*Mrs. Betty Martin, Hollywood.*

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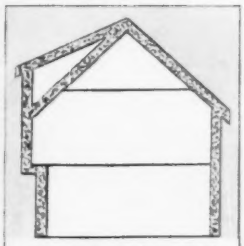

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LIKE your car, your telephone is a convenience. But it is a nuisance if you are always four rooms or 15 stairs away from it when it rings. The trouble is that you are so used to a telephone that you give it little thought. But if you're remodeling or building, the time to think about your telephone and its location is before you begin work.

Keep in mind two points: that your telephone or telephones should be placed where you and your family spend most of your time, and that you don't want the wires to your instrument showing. It costs only a few dollars to install outlets for future telephones, while it may be expensive to run new wiring later on.

Telephone lines running from the service pole to your home are not pretty, and can be avoided if lines are run into the house underground. If you have a basement, wires can come thru the basement wall, run under the floor, and between walls to the telephones themselves. It is always best to have these wires in pipe or conduit so they look better and are more accessible if repairs are necessary, or if you want to increase the number of telephones in your home.

You or your builder should get in touch with your local telephone company, to avoid trouble in installing your telephone connections. When you build, you should know where you want your telephone or telephones to be. You should also plan your future needs. If you build on a concrete slab without a basement, for instance, you will have a problem if you want added service but haven't planned for it. Drilling new holes is not only expensive, but inconvenient.

In the average five-room bungalow, the best location for

New wall-type handset is ideal for a kitchen. It is attached to a wall or cupboard at about eye level, and the receiver hangs over the dial. A long cord lets you sit comfortably or write while talking. As in all telephone equipment manufactured today, the bell is in the telephone

for a telephone?

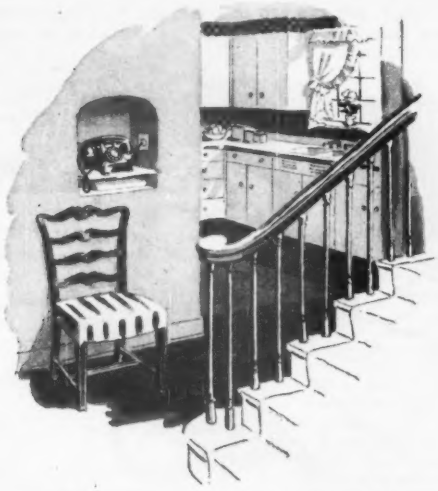
That depends on where you need it

a single telephone is in the kitchen, as close to the living and dining areas as possible. Unless you conduct business from your home, the kitchen is the most frequently occupied room in the house. Most of your friends would think twice before calling you at mealtime, so a telephone in the dining room only means that you have to walk from somewhere whenever the telephone rings. You could avoid this exercise by using an extra-long (9 or 13 feet) cord, but it is *dangerous* (you might trip over it), and it's contrary to telephone-company practice thruout the country.

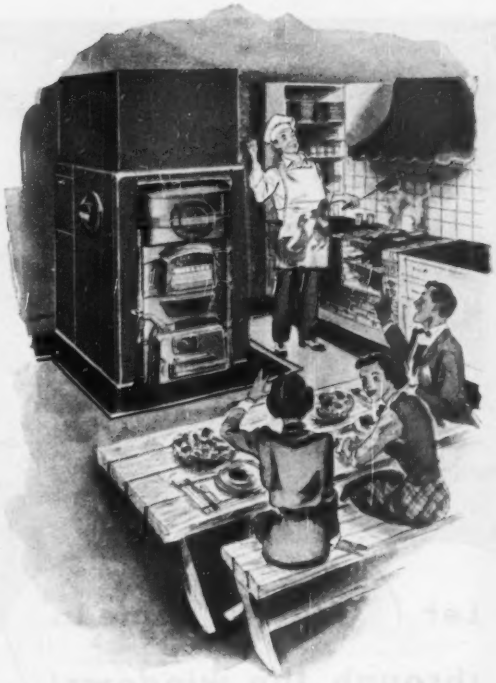
Best kitchen spot is at a planning desk or near a pass-thru door where the telephone is accessible from both kitchen and dining room. If you have a standard instrument, don't put it next to the range. The cord may get in the flame. On the counter top, next to the refrigerator, is a good place, because the cord can hang beside the refrigerator and the instrument will not interfere with your work surface.

You can get what is called a wall-type handset—with a speaking piece like an ordinary telephone but hanging from a bracket on the wall. The big advantage of this is that you interrupt no work space with a telephone, yet can still write comfortably at the counter.

Tho telephone niches were once popular, and are still common, they are not attractive and usually uncomfortable. At a niche there is usually no place to sit, and no place to write. A chair in front of the niche, which is most often in the hall, means a piece of furniture to trip over every time you go thru that hall. Also, the size of the rectangular-base telephones means that the shelf of the niche must stick out almost five inches from the wall. [*Turn to next page*



Compare the convenience of the telephone location at the left with this hall niche. Here you have no privacy—you can be heard in every room, upstairs or down. You have no place to write, no place for your elbows, and anyone trying to get by you in the hall has to squeeze past you



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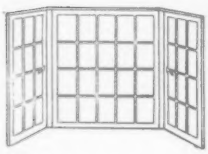

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The best place for a telephone

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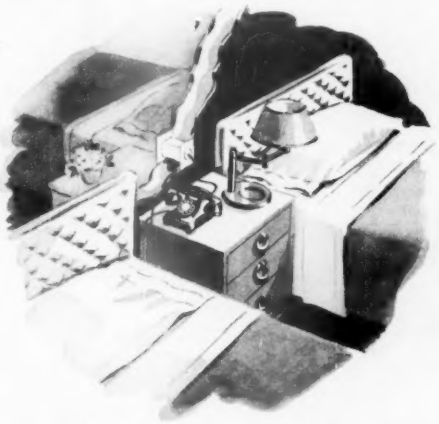
Ideal location for a telephone outlet or jack and a plug-in phone is by your chair in the living room. Put it on an end table or bookshelf. There's no finer feeling than being able to relax in a comfortable chair during a long telephone conversation

On a desk, a small table beside your favorite chair, or on a low bookshelf handy to your chair are the most likely places in a living room. You want the telephone where you can answer it without getting up, but also in a place where it will be inconspicuous when not in use.

In a bedroom, the most logical spot for a telephone is between twin beds, or at one side of a double or single bed on a small commode. Which side will depend on who is most likely to receive a late call. Even tho you get no night calls, there are several advantages to a telephone in a bedroom. If you are ill, you have a way of talking to friends, keeping in touch with the office, or ordering groceries without getting out of bed. And since your friends will always call to see how you are, you will have a more pleasant answer if you don't have to run for the telephone to tell them.

Similarly, if you wake up and hear a burglar rifling your silver drawer, you can call the police without frightening the man, and catch him in the act. [*Continued on next page*



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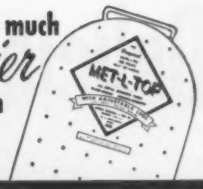

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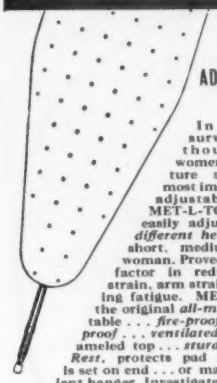

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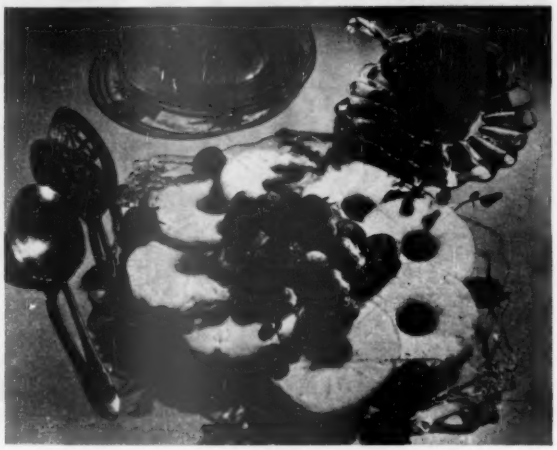

Caraway Bread Sticks

Light and tender. Delicious with salad—

1 cup scalded milk
¼ cup shortening
1 tablespoon sugar
1½ teaspoons salt
1 cake fresh or 1 package granular yeast
1 egg
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon leaf sage
2 teaspoons caraway seed
3 cups enriched flour

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt; cool to lukewarm. Add yeast; mix well. Add egg, nutmeg, sage, and seed. Gradually stir in flour to form a soft dough. Beat vigorously; cover and store in refrigerator about 2 hours or until needed. Divide chilled dough into 3 dozen small pieces, roll by hand into 8-inch cylindrical strips, and place on greased baking sheet, 1 inch apart. Let rise till double in bulk, about 1½ hours. Bake in hot oven (400°) 15 minutes.

Swedish Rye Caraway Loaf

Make your own rye bread for Dutch lunches—

2 cups water
½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon caraway seed
1 teaspoon anise
1 tablespoon shortening
1 cake fresh yeast
3½ cups enriched flour
2 cups rye flour

Combine water, sugar, salt, caraway seed, anise, and shortening. Cook 3 minutes. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture. Add flour; mix to a soft dough. Let rise about 1½ hours. Add rye flour to make a stiff dough; knead lightly. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth; let rise until double in bulk, about 2 hours. Knead; divide in 2 portions. Cover and let rest 10 to 15 minutes. Mold two loaves; place in greased pans; cover and let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven (375° to 400°) 35 to 45 minutes.

Sesame Seed Rolls

They're shaped like butterhorns; they're good dinner or luncheon rolls.—Photograph is on page 189.

1 cake fresh or 1 package granular yeast
1 tablespoon sugar
½ cup lukewarm water
¼ cup shortening, melted
1 beaten egg
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2½ cups enriched flour
1 slightly beaten egg white
Sesame seed

Dissolve crumbled yeast and 1 tablespoon sugar in 2 tablespoons of the lukewarm water. Combine shortening, egg, sugar, salt, and remaining lukewarm water; add dissolved yeast; mix well. Add flour to make soft sponge; beat thoroly. Do not knead. Cover and let rise about 2½ hours. Knead on lightly floured surface; roll in circle to ⅛-inch thickness; spread lightly with melted fat. Cut in pie-shaped pieces and roll each piece from wide end to the point. Dip in slightly beaten egg white and then into sesame seeds. Allow to rise in warm place until almost double in bulk, about 45 minutes. Bake in hot oven (400°) 20 minutes. Makes 1½ to 2 dozen rolls.

Cabbage With Caraway

Some chopped onion, caraway, and a little vinegar give quick-cooked cabbage new flavor—

1 cup chopped onion
3 tablespoons bacon fat
1 medium-sized head cabbage, shredded
Salt
Pepper
½ teaspoon caraway seed
½ teaspoon sugar
1 cup hot water
3 tablespoons vinegar

Cook onion in hot fat until golden. Add cabbage and remaining ingredients except vinegar. Cover. Cook until just tender, about 20 minutes. Add vinegar. Serves 6 to 8.

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- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- ¾ cup salad oil

Mix sugar and flour; gradually add vinegar; cook over low heat until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients except oil; mix thoroly. Pour oil into mixture very slowly, beating constantly with rotary beater. Makes about 1½ cups. Note: When using corn syrup you may wish to add 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar. For extra-good flavor, soak celery seed in water overnight; drain thoroly before adding to dressing.

Green Beans With Dill Seed

Easy seasoning for green beans: add dill seed when you add the butter—

- 1 pound (about 4 cups) fresh green beans
- 3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 to 2 teaspoons dill seed
- Salt and pepper

Cook beans in small amount boiling, salted water until tender—20 to 30 minutes. Melt butter; add dill seeds and drained green beans; heat thoroly. Season to taste. Serves 6 to 8.

Poppy-Seed Noodles

Almonds, melted butter, and poppy seed make noodles a special accompaniment for pot roast—

- ½ cup shredded, blanched almonds or Brazil nuts
- 1 6-ounce package fine noodles
- 4 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1½ teaspoons poppy seed

Lightly brown nuts in butter. Cook noodles in boiling, salted water 10 minutes, drain, and rinse with cold water. Add nuts, butter, and seed; heat thoroly over hot water. Serve with pot roast. Serves 5 to 6.

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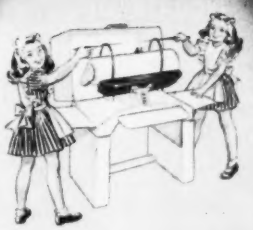

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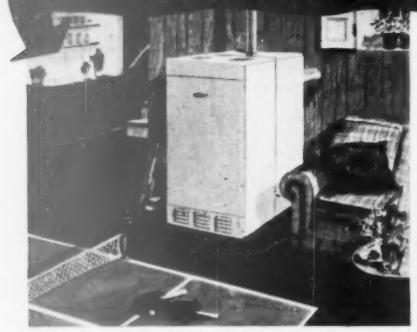

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You don't need a fancy fireplace!

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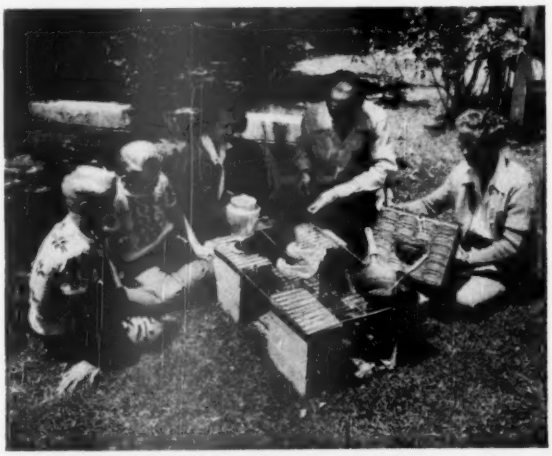
close to trees or buildings. The simplest fireplace you can build is a shallow, saucer-shaped pit just a few inches deep and lined with firebrick. You can fit it into any spare corner, use it, too, for burning refuse. Or lay a slab of paving as base. If you use rocks, choose those that aren't porous. Sandstone and limestone sometimes send off flying chips when heated.

If you want a temporary fireplace, just for tonight, for instance, you can lay firebricks on top of hollow tile or concrete blocks. That way you can have a campfire right on the lawn without burning the grass underneath.

Whichever kind of fireplace you choose, build it right now. Then you can have an autumn full of campfires, the smell of smoke and sizzling wieners, the flavor of old stories, more pleasant with each retelling. Red-letter memories grow from such simple sources as these.

Slide this one onto the lawn. Its runners, made from pipe welded together, keep it off the grass. Use an old tire rim as the curb. After the food's done, you can remove the grate and have an old-time bonfire



Eating out tonight? All you need to cook on is a grate, supported by a dozen blocks. Locate the fire in a back corner where you won't mind a bare spot. Or lay a flat rock or torn up paving block as a base. When the party's over, sweep the ashes away, store blocks beside the garage

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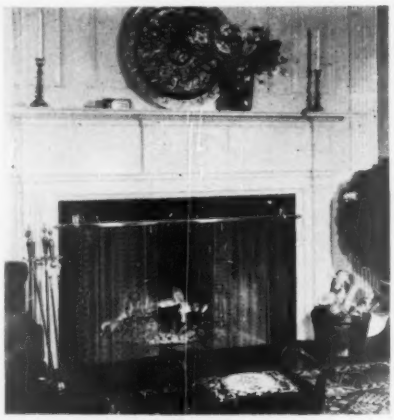

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5. Porch railing shows rather than the uninteresting lattice grille below porch.

house to the ground

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Problem V:

Interest concentrated at base of house; no visual setback from street.

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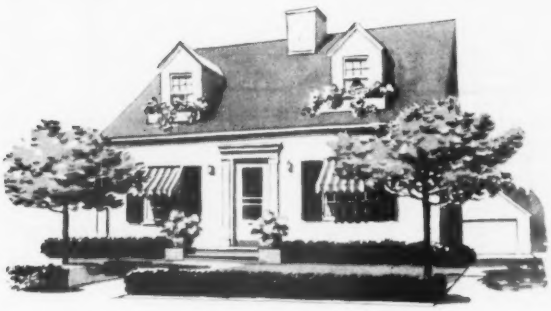

Trees: flowering dogwoods or crabapples.
Plant boxes: petunias and vinca.
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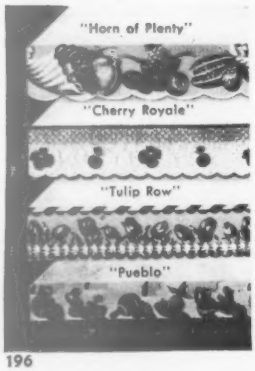

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Not just which college is right for my boy or girl, but is my boy or girl right for ANY college? Here are five yardsticks to help you, whether your children are 7 or 17

FOR more than a quarter of a century I've worked with young people. I've known a lot of them. And I've watched how they adapted themselves to the self-disciplines of life away from home.

Most of those homes are "good homes"—homes like yours, perhaps. But a lot of them, I'm sorry to say, have not done the job. The sons and daughters they send forth to be on their own don't get along so well in college. Nor do they, I've observed, get along in the outside world, whether or not they ever go to college.

Who's to blame?

I think you are. You in your "good home."

PERHAPS, like many other parents, you will point out that when you son, let us say, is old enough for college, he will have everything you have been able to give: a good home to start from, and enough clothes, money, and advice to keep him clothed, fed, and out of trouble even unto the second semester. But does this mean he will be *really* prepared?

Going to college means more than climbing one step higher scholastically. It is usually the time in a young person's life when he leaves home and the protection and immediate influence of his parents. It is the time when he must be able to live as an independent individual in a competitive society. For the first time, usually, he will have to regulate his life, assume full responsibility for his actions, and make his own decisions. Will *your* son or daughter be prepared to do these things?

It is not enough that you have provided a good home and loving care. I repeat, thousands of college failures came from good homes. It is just this kind of home that is likely to produce young adults who are not prepared to stand on their own two feet. The neglected boy or girl who comes to college has already had to learn how to meet the problems of life. It is those from good homes who are apt to suffer from overprotection (or "Momism"). They are the ones who will not be able to meet the challenge of college living.

Every year I see students arrive on the campus accompanied by anxious, well-meaning parents who are still trying to smooth the way for their offspring. They embarrass sons and daughters by fussing over the arrangement of furnishings in dormitory rooms, inquiring about food, and enumerating John's or Mary's physical weaknesses. They stand in the registrar's office to assist in registration; they sit in the dean's office and answer questions directed to the student; they call on the president and do the talking.

COLLEGE officials wish to know the parents' point of view. They are delighted to meet fathers and mothers, and they are glad to have letters from parents and physicians about the physical needs of a student. But college students are young men and women (even if they will always be children to their parents), and, if they are to be successful in college, they must begin *at once* to speak for themselves.

Preparing a young person for college, or for life anywhere outside the home, is preparing him to be independent. It should begin

college

if they're not ready for life

It takes more than a "good home" to help a youngster stand up to life's problems

when the life of the child begins. Here are the five general qualities which I have found essential for life at college. The young man or woman who possesses them should be able to handle most problems in a satisfactory manner.

1. A college student must know how to spend money. The amount he spends may indicate his financial position; the way he spends indicates his character. Wise budgeting, thoughtful spending, and self-denial are signs of a mature and balanced personality, and of parents who succeeded in a very difficult task. It might be argued that if one's parents are wealthy, there is no reason why one should not spend all he pleases. I am not denying a student's right to part with his money. But I have noticed that there seems to be a correlation between wasting money and wasting time, and the person doesn't live who knows how rich he is in the latter.

2. A student must know how to care for his own health. Our coach told me the difference between the G.I.'s who returned to the football squad two years ago and boys just out of high school was a difference in ability to take care of themselves. The recent graduates were careless, sometimes too sick to play. The veterans went properly clothed in bad weather, knew what to eat, and when to go to bed.

No one is going to hound the college student to take care of himself. If he is sick he will receive proper medical care, but the time he loses in studies is his loss alone. As in spending money, the matter of good health sense must come from within the student, and how he behaves is a good reflection of his past home life and training.

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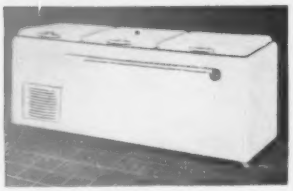

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3. A student needs social preparation for college. By this I mean he should know how to get along with people. In the college community he is a citizen whose former connections have no weight whatsoever. No matter how big a frog he may have been in the home pond, as a freshman he is just another tadpole. He will be judged not by his family's position or influence or wealth, but on how well he takes part in college activities, his sense of fairness and consideration for those with whom he lives and studies. Neatness, friendliness, understanding, thoughtfulness, and consideration, are some of the things he needs to bring with him.

Dating is undoubtedly the most important social activity of college people. Yet, because parents have failed to prepare their sons and daughters for a normal relationship with the opposite sex, every campus in the country has its share of disciplinary cases. Young people blunder in the most naive ways in their relationships with the opposite sex. And they betray the most distorted notions of what is required for success.

I know of one girl of high ideals who has been before the dean on several occasions because of her lapses of good taste while on dates. She lacks self-confidence, and when she is with a boy she is afraid she will say or do the wrong thing. If she is offered a drink, she is afraid to refuse because she might be called a kill-joy; if it is late, she won't insist on going in for fear she won't be popular. Another girl, no more attractive than the first, living in the same dormitory, has self-confidence. She treats men as reasonable human beings who will recognize the fact that a girl may have tastes and desires of her own. The result is that she is highly successful in her dating ventures.

4. A student must possess ideals. Youth is by nature idealistic, but it is a common mistake of parents to convince their sons and daughters that a list of taboos is equivalent to ideals. And, if a taboo is broken, the son or daughter is accused of losing his ideals.

Taboos are narrow and negative, while ideals are broad and positive. A student may find that some forbidden fruits of his home town are commonplace fare in the college community. If at last he samples a small apple denied him at home, he should not be made to feel that he has broken the moral law. If he is, then his sense of proportion may be destroyed, and he may go on to serious lapses.

As an aside, I have found that young people with religious training who continue their church activity usually find ministers at college well qualified to give them guidance and spiritual help.

5. A student needs academic and intellectual preparation. Some parents regard going to college as an excursion where John or Mary can receive training in the social graces, make the proper social contacts, and attend to classwork only enough to insure a passing grade. However, college is a place for intellectual work and thinking.

It is fashionable to blame the high school for intellectual deficiencies of college freshmen, but I think a great deal of the failure rests upon the parents. There is a core of mathematics, English, science, language, and history which every college freshman should have, but his attitude toward learning is more important than his store of information.

I HAVE mentioned five important preparations for college which should be provided at home. Now, which college to attend? There are over 1,700 institutions of higher learning in the United States, differing in purpose, equipment, endowment, faculties, and costs.

It is up to you to make the information available, but the prospective student should choose for himself. If you feel that your son or daughter is not able to make that choice, and you force acceptance of your own preference, some college is going to receive an unhappy, maladjusted student.

While cost is an important factor in choosing a school, it does not follow that the most expensive schools are the best, academically or otherwise. If I were trying to help my son or daughter make a choice, I would try to get information about the purposes of the college and its administration. I would be less interested in the financial endowment of the institution than in the intellectual endowment of its faculty. I would be particularly concerned about the counseling program.

In some schools counseling is limited to presenting the student with several courses of action, leaving him free to choose for himself, often with unsatisfactory results. Other counseling systems rely on the use of every member of the faculty, and each student is assigned to an adviser who frequently looks upon the responsibility as an imposition, and is likely to give careless or inferior counseling. I would look for a college where counsel could be sought from faculty members who considered counseling one of the most important of all teaching activities.

THE choice of a college has far-reaching results, for one never gets away from one's college. It determines whom he shall marry, for it is during the college years that the choice of a husband or wife is likely to take place. Not only his career but his character will be influenced by his college, perhaps determining whether he will be an exploiter or servant of society, a cynic or a person of faith, an intellectual adventurer or a reactionary. The choice of a college contains the possibility of all these things, yet the *preparation for* college is more important than the *choice of* college. For preparation begins at birth and determines the quality of the raw material with which the college is to work.

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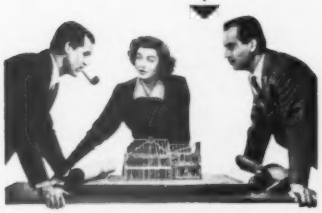

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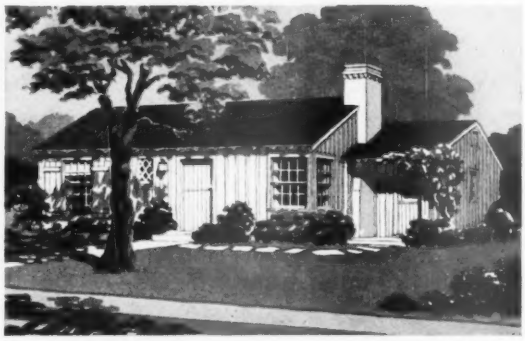
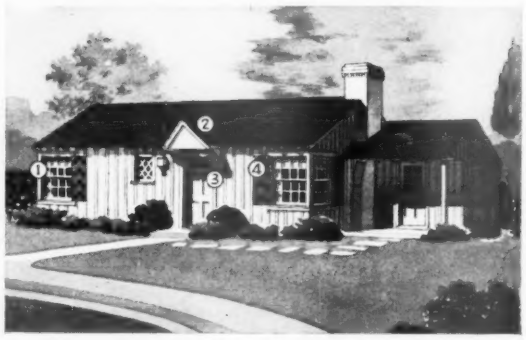


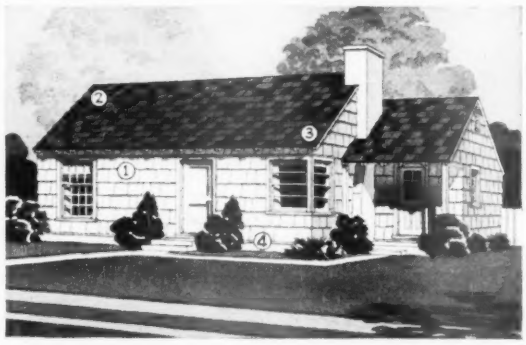
By Mort Reed, Jr.

When you build a Five Star home, modify the plan to suit the needs of your family. But think twice before you redesign the exterior. A small change may ruin its beauty.

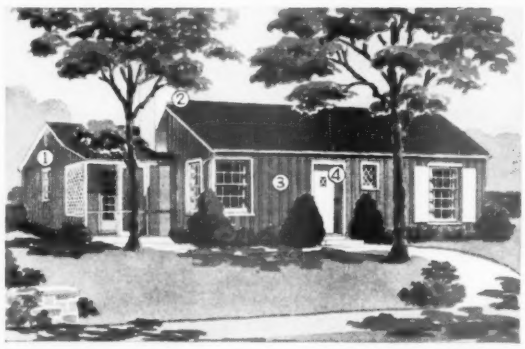
This is *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1106. Corner windows light the living area. Ornamentation is thriftily scanty, and the texture of board and batten walls gives the home its charm. The lantern and Dutch door are the attractive finishing touches.



▶ One butcher who built the house fancied herself as a designer. She stuck corner windows in the bedroom (1) to balance those in the living room, not realizing that she thus upset the balance. Then she added a "birdhouse" for shelter over the front door (2), and saved almost 10 dollars by using a stock door that didn't fit the design (3). She ended by using a garish design for her shutters (4), when she should have dropped them entirely.



▶ Another butcher with taste like vinegar had to make some changes, too. In place of boards and battens he used shingles (1) that were much too big for so small a house. Because he lived in snow country, he needlessly increased the pitch of the roof (2). Then he attracted attention to his mistake by using shingles so colorful that rainbows hide with shame (3). To save a few dollars of his excavation cost, he raised the house another foot (4).



▶ A third couple modified the exterior, but they used restraint. To suit the orientation of their lot, they reversed the plan. They widened the kitchen (1), then fattened the chimney (2) to maintain balance between the wing and the main house. Instead of a Dutch door, they bought one with a small window (4) that repeats the diamond-shaped panes in the bath window. They painted the house red, trim white (3).

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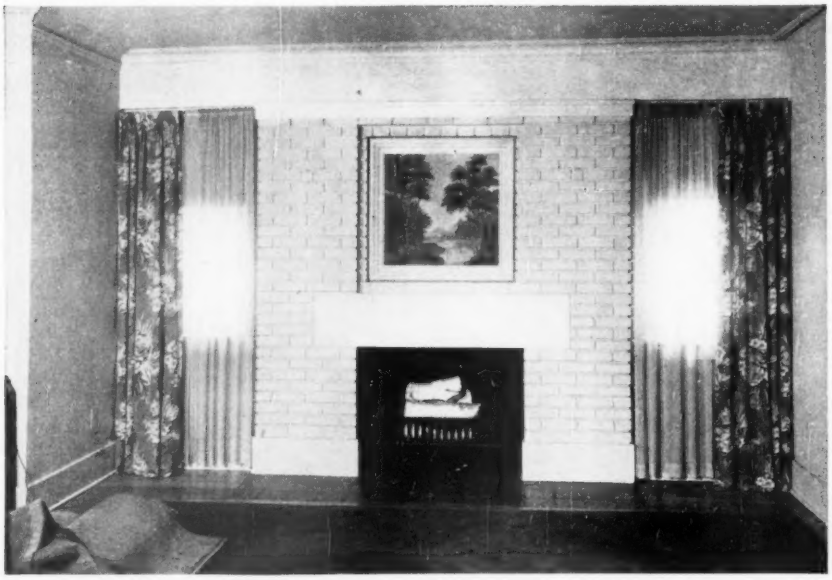

BEFORE Narrow windows, huddled between wall and chimney, were next to impossible to drape effectively. There was no place for books and bits of china, no mantel for the greens and decorative pieces we like to see above a fireplace. Smooth bricks like these wouldn't even take to a whitewash very well

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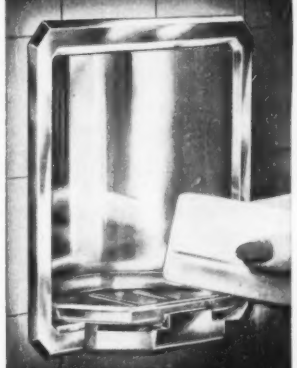

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AFTER So we settled for these modern-looking uprights—humble plumber's pipe set in strips of molding top and bottom. Painted green to match the walls, they neatly divide the two rooms. Philodendron, which grow out of painted cooky cans, will someday (we hope) twine all the way up the poles

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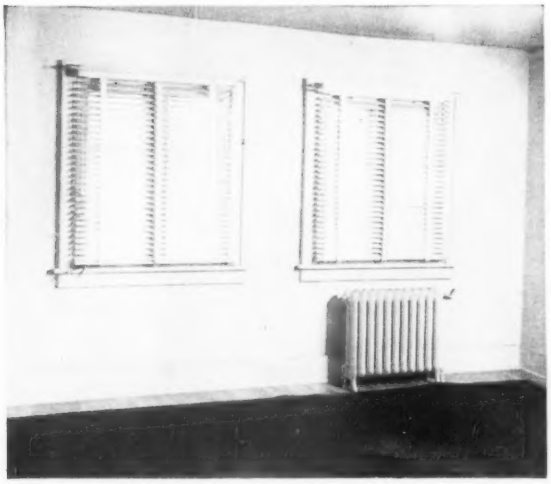
Recipe for leftover curtains



BEFORE Not large at best, the girls' room needed a center of interest. The window wall, with its different-sized sash and homely radiator, was our only hope. The radiator was easily covered, but the cost of enough material to make the lush curtains we wanted would have run into some out-of-the-question figure

AFTER Rather than skimp on material, I used what we had. Five pairs of old ruffled curtains, which I basted together, and a pair of old flowered draperies. Spreads are inexpensive cotton crepe which I monogrammed with sailcloth to match the flounce. Navy cruise boxes, pillow-topped, take the place of chairs

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BEFORE The entrance hall, with its dark woodwork and light walls seemed as full of doors as a fun house. Glass door into the living room served no purpose at all. Bare floors, a dangling light fixture, and a naked radiator completed the gloomy picture

AFTER Here, as in the living room, we found that painting everything the same color made walls and doors flow together into a less busy background. We used yellow to make the most of a little light and pick up the color of our lemon-pattern chintz in the living room. At left is an old bedside table which we brought up from the cellar and revived with green paint and brass pulls

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Wes's study opens off the entrance hall. By closing up a useless door, we gained wall space for shelves on either side of his desk. Patterned wallpaper is used only on the ceiling and the narrow panel you see here. Other walls and all of the woodwork are painted the same beige as the paper's background

Since Wes puts in a lot of overtime work, we planned his study as a sort of after-hours office. Besides his desk, he has a comfortable sofa (formerly in our living room), and a coffee table where Wes and his art director can spread out advertising layouts

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Karen and Ann do their homework on the drop-leaf table in the children's sitting room (originally a sunroom). This saves the dining-table top which used to take quite a beating every evening. Chris now studies at a whopping big desk in his own room

Johnny's room had no closet so Wes built him this wardrobe, especially tailored to size 5 clothes. Low pole and labeled drawers encourage Johnny to keep clothes put away. Curtains in these rooms are made of natural-colored bagging cloth

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Another *Heating Season* is here . . . time to *replace dirty filters!*

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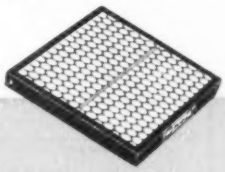

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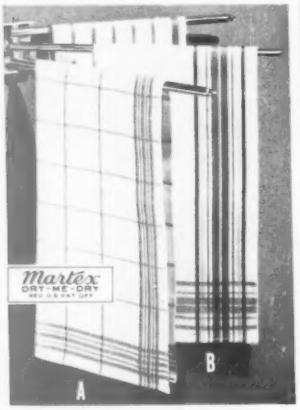

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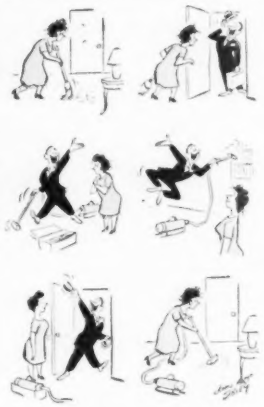

Your family albums for September

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Phonograph forum

I want to add a collection of Strauss overtures and waltzes to my library, but I'm confused by all the long, short, and in-between versions on the market. How about it? R. O. L., New York.

Abbreviated versions of Strauss waltzes should be avoided. They often omit the finest music, namely the introductions. Once your taste has been cultivated, nothing but the best will suffice, and you might as well begin with it. One you'll like is RCA Victor album 805, containing two overtures and two waltzes, directed by Bruno Walter and George Szell. This is as close to perfection as I can imagine.

The Sibelius Second Symphony is a favorite of a friend to whom I would like to make a gift. Which of the various recorded versions is the best? C. G. B., Los Angeles.

There are several good albums available, including one by Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony, another by Barbirolli and the Philharmonic Symphony. Both of these, however, are prewar releases, and I would suggest the new Columbia album by Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

I have been reading about the new long-playing records. Can I use them on my record player? J. S. L., Minneapolis.

In order for a 12-inch record to reproduce about six times as much music as is contained on ordinary records, a slower speed of $33\frac{1}{3}$ revolutions per minute, against the usual 78, and a finer groove are required. This calls for an additional unit which can be attached to any player. Such a unit, with the proper motor and pickup, can be purchased for about $29.95.

What can be done to improve the performance of a unit used exclusively as a record player? I do not have an automatic changer. P. D. L., Washington, D. C.

The most economical and most useful change can be accomplished by the substitution of a "variable reluctance" pickup for the one you are using. This requires an additional stage in your amplifier, but that can be installed at relatively little cost by a good serviceman.

I have a table-type player. Will it pay me to buy a sapphire, diamond, or other jewel-point needle? G. A. L., Dallas.

If your pickup weighs less than an ounce and a half, a jewel-point needle might be worth a try. However, do not expect revolutionary results, for the amplifier and speaker are equally important for high-quality reproduction, and a table model is greatly limited in these respects. A serviceman can tell you if your pickup is suitable. A quality needle might otherwise damage your records.

Phonograph facts

Vinylite records attract dust much more than any other type. Keep them covered between playings.

Records stacked at an angle are an invitation to warping. The straight and narrow is an excellent motto to remember in storing for your single records.

If you use a permanent needle, brush it occasionally. An old toothbrush is useful for this purpose. It will remove fuzz, record dust, and dirt.

If your player has both treble and bass controls, they should be utilized at the "open" settings for both, to give the full benefits of modern recording. Some surface noise will come thru, as a result, but if you cut the treble to eliminate it, you will also be sacrificing the highs that give music vitality, brilliance, and realism. If your set has but one control, set it at the point permitting maximum treble.

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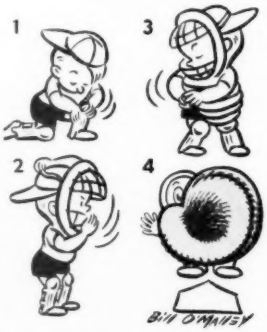

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Sharpen knives

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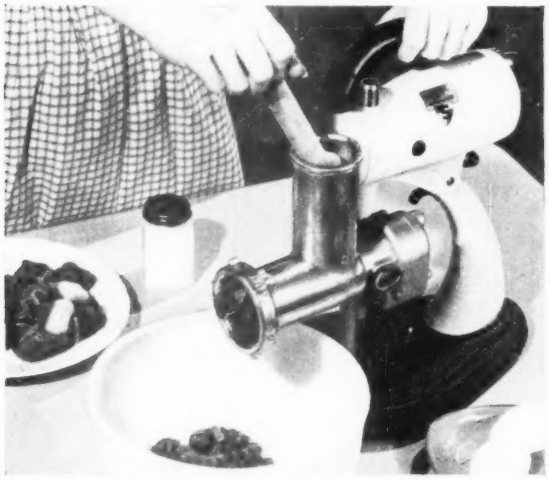
Chop meats, fruits, vegetables



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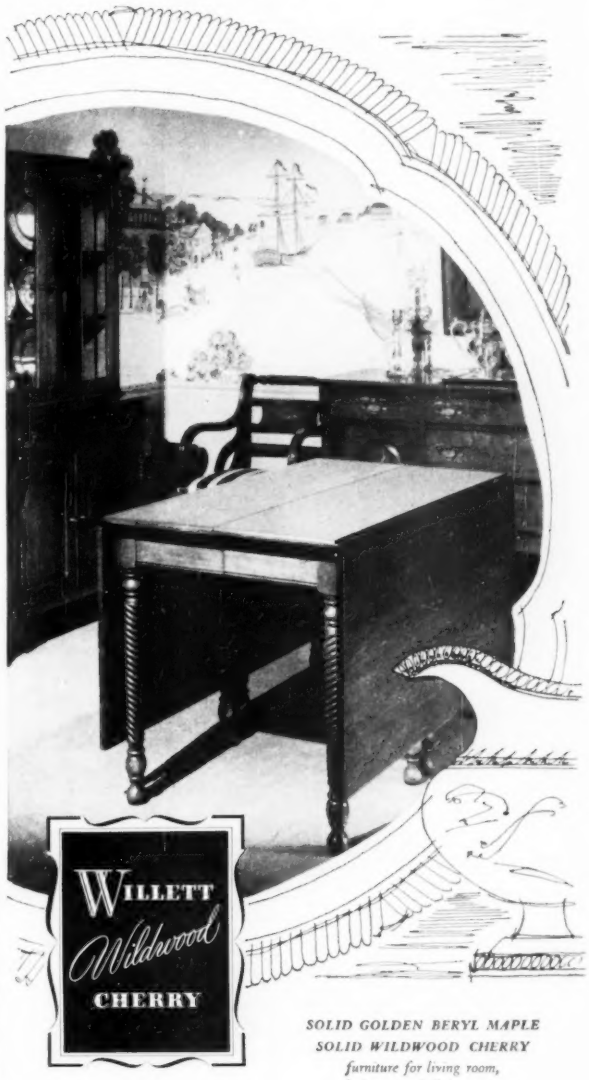

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Yes, you can

Waterproof your basement walls

By Harry Tipper

Could this be your basement? Water is seeping thru the entire wall. There are leaks at the corner joint, the floor-wall joint, and the joint above bottom blocks. Active leaks are plugged with mortar (page 218)

If you have no leakage problem, but only slow seepage thru blocks and joints, your waterproofing job starts here. With a cement-base compound, carefully mixed according to directions, you can plug openings up to 1/8 inch in diameter, but not larger. First wet down the wall, using your garden hose. Use a fine spray, spraying the top blocks the most

CAN you waterproof your basement walls from the inside?

The answer is yes—if you are careful and know what you are trying to do. You can do the work yourself.

But if your problem is serious, don't expect to dab some wonderful compound on the old walls and never have them leak again. The job will take a lot of work, perhaps redoing. But the answer is still yes.

That word comes from Dr. F. O. Anderegg, director of materials research for the Pierce Foundation.

"It does take hard work," he said. He smiled as he said it, for he has done the job himself, many times, in 25 years of testing masonry.

He explained that he used the term "waterproof" as you probably understand the word—keeping out water in liquid form. The Federal Trade Commission has barred the word in advertising for any treatment short of an airtight, vaporproof barrier, such as sheet metal. So most materials for treating wet basements are called "water-resistant" or "dampproof."

But most homeowners with wet basements are less interested in keeping out water vapor than in getting rid of puddles on the basement floor.

Causes of leaky walls

The three most common causes of leaky basement walls are:

1. Settling. The earth under the wall takes its weight unevenly, resulting in cracks in the wall.

2. Workmanship. Either joint work or blocks may be faulty.

3. Water pressure. A hydrostatic head (the experts' term for water under pressure) will drive water thru pores otherwise watertight.

Cures for leaky walls

Whatever the cause, there are two possible methods of stopping the leak. You can put up a barrier, or you can reduce the pore size. The second way, achieved with a cement-base waterproofing compound, is the one recommended by Doctor Anderegg for amateur use.

"By reducing the size of the pores with a cement-base treatment, you can get a relatively permanent job," Doctor Anderegg said. "In fact, your waterproofing material becomes an integral part of the original wall."

Here, in pictures, is a step-by-step description of how you can waterproof your basement walls with this method.

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Mix waterproofing with water to make a slurry—a mixture that has the consistency of heavy cream. Then, using a stiff brush, scrub the mixture right into the wall with a circular motion, filling every pore. Put a coat on the bottom of the wall first, because water pressure is likely to be greatest there. Then move to the top and work back down to the floor

Let the waterproofer harden until it won't rub off, then cure it with more water. The next day, wet the wall and scrub on another layer of the waterproofer. Then spray twice a day for a week. When the wall is dry, look for damp spots that indicate pores not completely filled. Dig out such pores with a chisel, fill the cavity with mortar, and treat the spot

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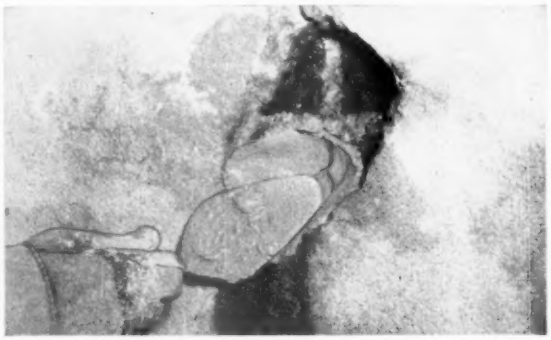
How to patch holes

Cracks or holes larger than 1/8 inch must be filled before you apply the waterproofing. If water isn't coming in under pressure, enlarge the hole with hammer and chisel. Wet sides, and fill with 1:2 mortar—one part cement, two parts fine sand, and enough water to make a stiff paste



As you enlarge holes or cracks for filling, cut a dovetail shape ("A" on sketch—"B" shows the wrong way to do the job). This shape helps hold the patch in place. Pack in the mortar, smooth the surface, let the mortar dry, and you are ready to waterproof. (Your hole isn't likely to be this large. When this hole was enlarged, masonry came away)

How to plug an active leak

If water is running in under pressure, as in this corner, you have a more difficult problem. You'll have to stop the flow of water with a plugging cement that sets in a matter of minutes, even in the presence of water. First cut away any crumbling masonry, again remembering the value of a dovetail shape, and clean the resulting opening well with a stiff brush

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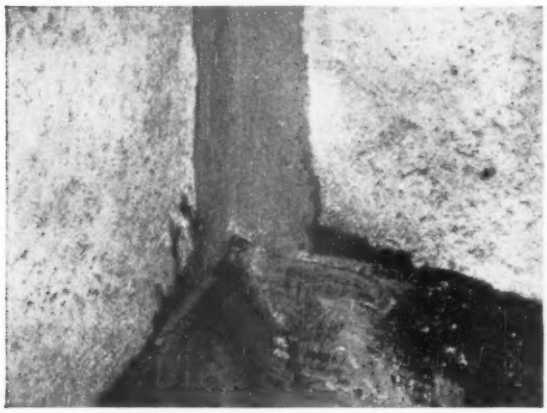
Gradually pack in 1:2 mortar until the flow of water is concentrated in a single opening. As pictured above, you can use a short section of pipe at the bottom as a weep hole. That permits the flowing water to escape



Here, the pipe has been removed, the mortar has set, and the repaired corner is ready for the final plugging operation. With practice, you can fill a hole like this one with quick-setting plugging cement even tho the water is spurting thru in a stream under pressure. It takes quick work

Mix plugging cement and water, and work a handful in your hand, shaping it into a stopper (upper left). This is a tricky material to use; it must be plugged into the hole at the moment it begins to stiffen. When that happens, pop it into the hole like a cork and hold it there three or four minutes while it sets. Then you are ready to waterproof the wall

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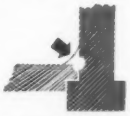
How to plug a leaky floor joint

With care, a leak in the joint between your basement wall and floor can be patched. First, using a mallet and chisel, chip out the joint into a dovetail shape, as shown in the sketch at the right. Then sweep or wash all loose mortar away before placing the patch



If water isn't flowing in under pressure, you can patch the joint with 1:2 mortar and waterproof it. If water is coming in, fill the entire joint with plugging cement, as pictured above. Shove small gobs into place and smooth them out with a trowel. For greater strength, build the patch up to an incline between the wall and floor, as shown in the sketch above

What about old paint or calcimine?

Your basement walls must be free of old paint or calcimine before you apply waterproofing. Your best bet is to hire a professional to sandblast the old finish off; the work costs 10 to 15 cents a square foot. Next best method of removal calls for rubbing with a carborundum brick, but this method takes a tremendous amount of work.

Can basement floors be waterproofed?

They can, but the job isn't one for a homeowner to tackle. The big difficulty lies in the fact that ordinary waterproofing would wear off a floor. If you employ an expert, you can be reasonably sure of success if he uses this technique, recommended by Doctor Anderegg:

1. The old floors are roughened with a chisel or clipping hammer. Painted floors are sandblasted.
2. The roughened floor is painted with thin cement slurry.
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5. To control alkali and soluble salts, the floor is wet with a 2-percent zinc chloride solution. The next day, a 3-percent phosphoric acid solution is applied.

6. When the floor is dry, it should be painted with a chlorinated rubber-base paint.

Can you waterproof plaster walls?

Do not attempt to waterproof a wall that has been coated with gypsum plaster. If a lime plaster was used, it probably is so badly contaminated with salts that it will never serve as a satisfactory base for waterproofing. Plaster made with Portland cement or cement-lime binder can be waterproofed unless the lime content is so high that the plaster is soft.

In all three cases, sandblasting to remove all loose material will prepare the surface for waterproofing.

What about new basements?

In a new house, it is much simpler and less expensive to waterproof the *outside* of the basement walls. So if the area is one where there is any chance of a moisture problem, don't let your contractor skimp on the waterproofing.

Chances are, his first move will be to insure good drainage with tile laid all around the house. Then he will cover the exterior surface of the walls with cement mortar. After this is set, it receives a coat of some waterproofing bituminous material, either a thin solution applied with a spray or brush, or a thick mixture that has to be troweled on.

A house treated thus should never have a damp basement.

How can you decorate waterproofed walls?

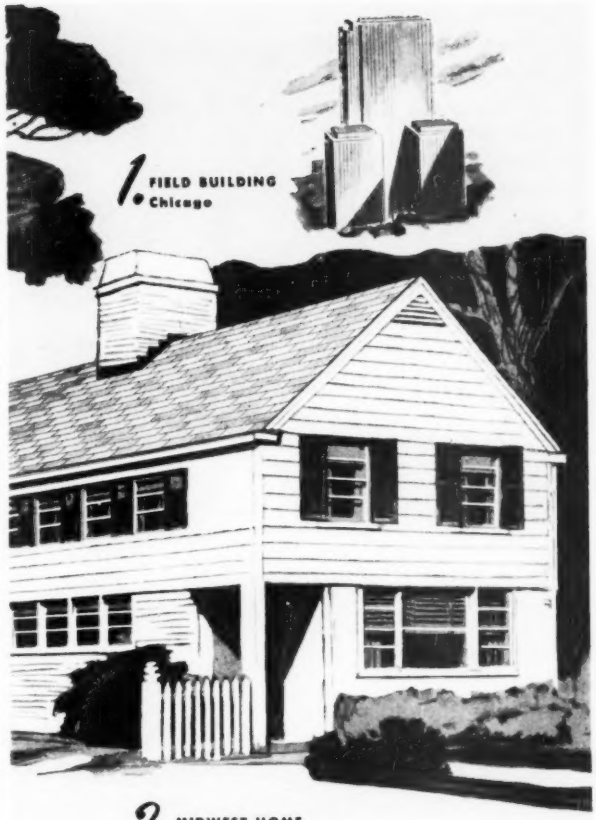
Several of the cement-base waterproofing compounds can be purchased in a variety of pastel colors. If you use a colored waterproofer, the job of decorating is done when the material has set. You can also color the waterproofing by adding colored oxide pigments, the kind used for coloring cement walks, when the mixing is done.

Ordinary oil or water paints, applied on top of the waterproofing, may be pushed off in spots by water vapor. Colored cement paints can be used without this difficulty.

Don't confuse condensation with leaky walls

Moisture may appear on your basement walls without any leakage or seepage whatsoever. This happens when warm, moist air strikes the cool walls, as just before a summer rain. Don't be alarmed; the moisture comes from condensation, and it will disappear when temperature or humidity drops.

If condensation makes your basement unpleasant in summer, you can control it to a large extent by providing more natural ventilation. Or you can buy a calcium chloride dehumidifier that will do the job by absorbing the excess moisture in the air.



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Is an only child

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"OH, WELL, he's an only child." According to popular opinion, the only child is a recognizable type. A cartoonist represents him as an arrogant "whipper-snapper" perched on a throne above his elders. Even college students go into a psychology class assuming that the only child develops into a selfish, egotistical, quarrelsome brat.

This popular conception has not been without support from so-called experts. Writers have labeled the only child "below average in health and vitality," "inclined to physical and nervous disorders," "irregular in school attendance, selfish, unsociable, and unlikely to display precocity or genius." The only child has been described as especially susceptible to neurotic ills. He has been pictured as both a tyrant and a weakling, a late talker, a finicky eater, and a bed-wetter.

Indeed, some "authorities" take so dim a view that they advise parents who have but one child to adopt another. And childless couples, considering adoption, are sometimes advised to go without a child rather than adopt but one. Why? Because, according to the most quoted remark on the subject (made by Dr. G. Stanley Hall, eminent psychologist of a generation ago), "Being an only child is a disease in itself."

In view of the fact that since 1900 the proportion of one-child families in America has remained at about 1 in 4, there must be several million only children running around. You may be one. Certainly you know a few.

Are they peculiar? Do they look queer and act funny? What is the evidence?

SCHOOLTEACHERS, seeing a great many children, should be able to answer these questions. A few years ago, Dr. Norman Fenton, then director of the California Bureau of Juvenile Research and later a professor of education at Stanford, decided to ask teachers. He selected a school with 193 pupils, kindergarten to sixth grade, of whom 34 were only children. He then asked their teachers to rate each of the 193, first against a scale of traits of character, and, second, against a list of nervous symptoms, such as twitching, crying spells, speech defects, tantrums.

Interpreting the results, Doctor Fenton arrived at some interesting observations about the two groups—the only children and those with brothers or sisters. He found the two groups were far more alike than different. Were the only children less generous, less sociable? Not according to any evidence Doctor Fenton could uncover.

In Kansas, a team of social psychologists, Harvey Lehmond and Paul Witty, studied 3,000 children at play and concluded: "The only child is but slightly less social than the average child."

In Doctor Fenton's study, children with brothers and sisters were judged to be a little more obedient, a little less

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Does he have two strikes against him, or is he really just another scapegoat?

inclined to bully others, a shade less conceited. But in certain other qualities, the only children were ahead. In self-confidence, aggressiveness, initiative, and originality, they held the edge. These factors, taken together, probably accounted for the observation that the only children were more likely than the others to be leaders, tho they were, as a group, a bit less popular. But all differences were small.

IS THE only child more prone to maladjustment? Is he less able to come to congenial terms with his actual world? And does he, by way of escape or protest, develop neurotic symptoms? How does *this* opinion hold up?

Not too well. At the University of Chicago, L. L. and T. G. Thurstone, after giving their famous Personality Schedule to 694 freshmen, were unable to report any important differences in the scores of youngest, oldest, and only children.

A recent examination into the adjustment problem was made by Dorothy Dyer at Bucknell University. Her subjects, 100 only children and 100 non-only, were coed members of the classes of '44, '45, and '46. After being paired as to age, background, and scholastic ability, the 200 girls were measured against a scale called the Bell Adjustment Inventory. With what results?

—In the matter of relations with home and parents, the only girls made a better score.

—In their emotional adjustments, the only girls also made a better score.

—In social relationships outside the family circle, the non-only group had a slight advantage. [Turn to page 249

How to help an only child

If you are a parent of an only child, you can reduce the influences that might set him apart if you will:

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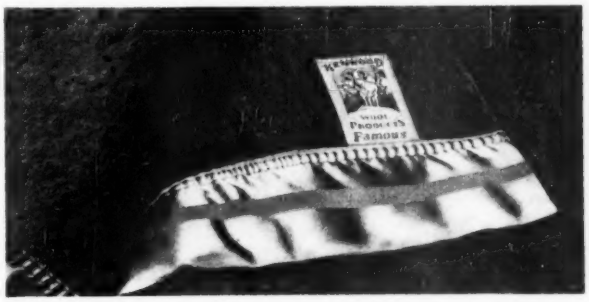

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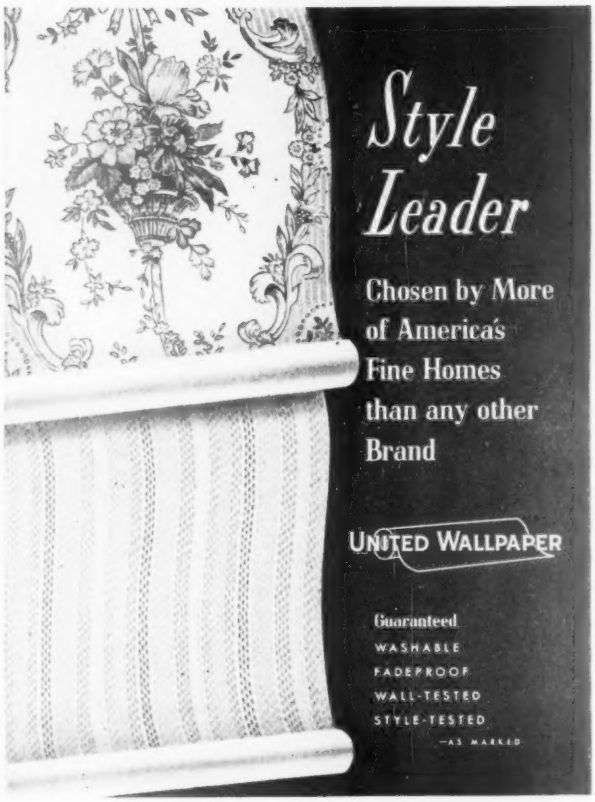

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THE kitchen is compact, yet roomy. There is little actual counter space, but the drainboard on the sink, part of the range, flat-top washing machine, and a counter-type water heater give you nearly 15 feet of work surface. There are storage cabinets on the two side walls for dishes and glassware. A large utility closet has shelf space for canned and bottled foods, large baking dishes and other odd-sized, hard-to-store items. Under-the-counter space in the corner near the dinette is reached thru doors under the pass-thru from the dinette side, and can be used for linens and games.

The owners' bedroom is large enough for a double bed. Corner windows use a minimum of wall space, and are high enough off the floor so that dressers will fit under them. The child's bedroom has a recess for two bunks. Both wardrobe closets are curtained, eliminating the cost of double doors.

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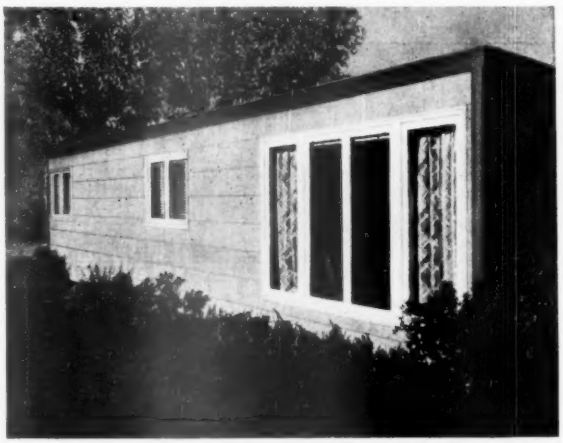
Similarly, by grouping sink, washer, and plumbing fixtures together, with the water heater in the middle, you save on plumbing costs. Even [*Turn to page 224*



Large windows at the rear light the living area. Thruout the rest of the house windows are high for privacy. Corner window in the bedroom lets in light and ventilation, conserves wall space. Ends of the house have no other windows

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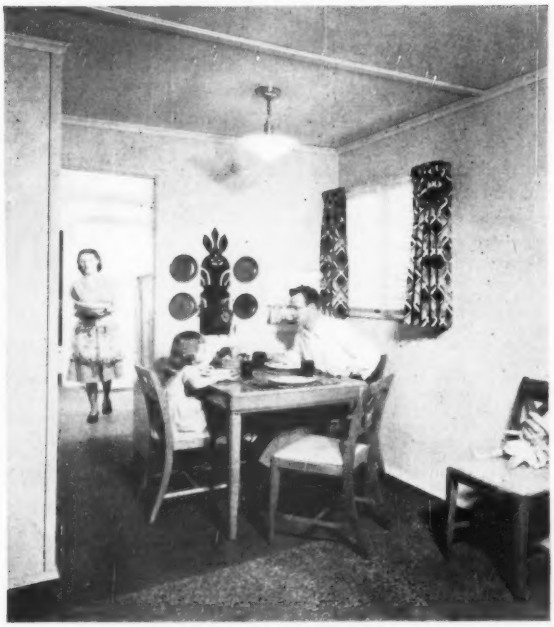
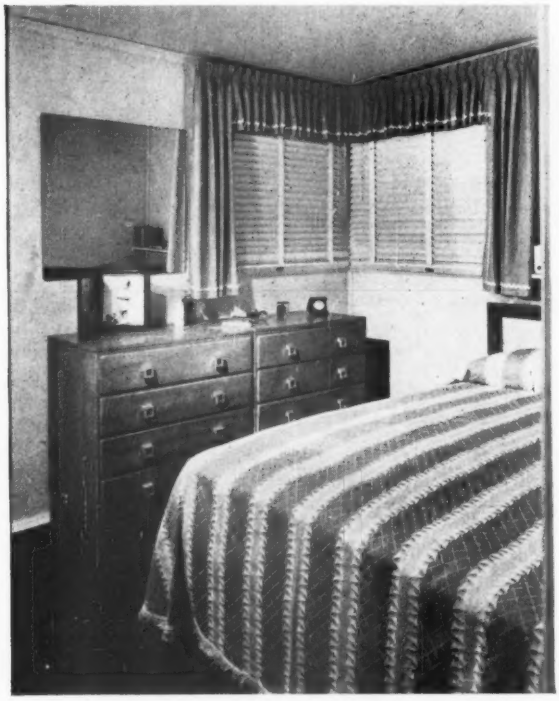


Wall space under the pass-thru permits a table that can be enlarged for company dinners. Dining chairs can be turned around and used in the living area for extra seating. Cost of furnishings are included in the living-room costs



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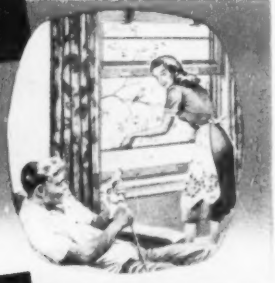

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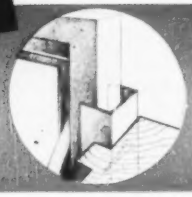

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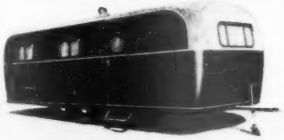

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Grand total	$1,784.65

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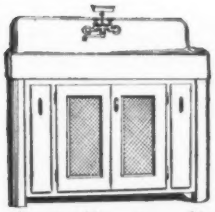

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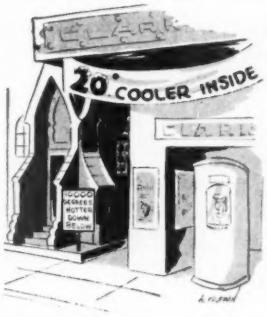

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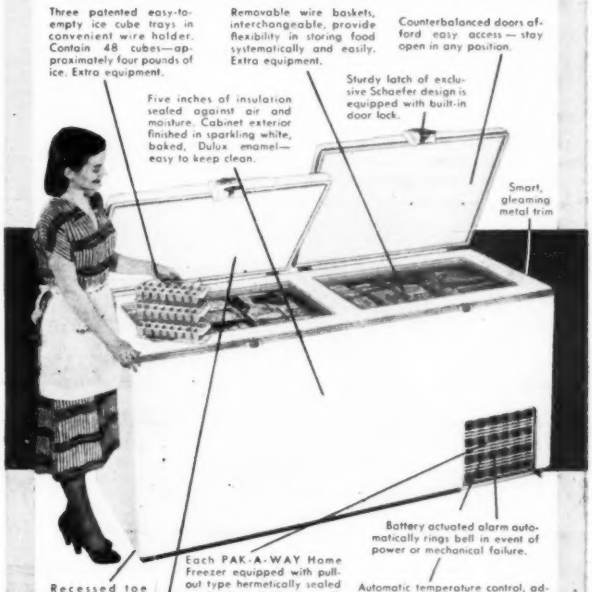

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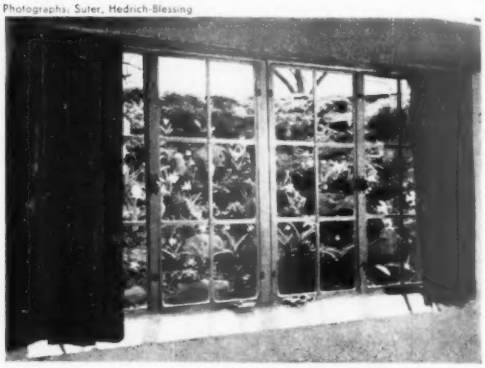

In spring and summer the view thru our recreation-room windows is filled with color—yellow daffodils and pink and yellow tulips

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By Sherman R. Barnett

LIKE most of you, we wanted a basement when we built our home. We wanted a recreation room where we and our friends, our three daughters, and their separate gangs could spend enjoyable days and evenings thruout the year.

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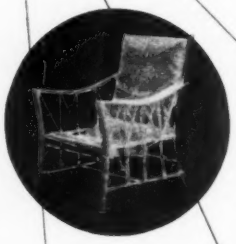

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The interior walls of the room are paneled in knotty pine. In the room we have a dart board, radio, assorted stuffed fish, and an array of

basement Begins on page 226

the wells were dug. A drain was installed at the bottom of each well. From there on we did our own work. First we cut back the vertical sides of the well until the sides sloped at 55 to 60 degrees. We cut 10 inches deeper than the line of the finished slope, so that the rocks we used would be firmly locked into the soil.

Drainage was our next problem. The bottom drain takes care of most rains; but to safeguard against downpours that would cause landslides, we dug a small trench around the top of the well, then laid draintiles and covered them with cinders and enough dirt to grow grass. This ground-level tiling connects with the drain at the bottom of the well.

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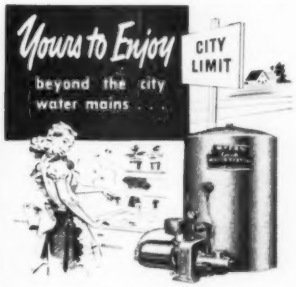

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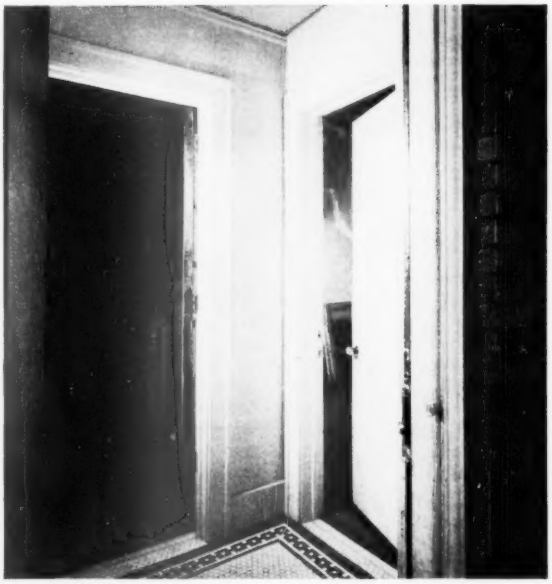

BEFORE The tiny vestibule with its three doors didn't lend itself to much decoration. Our first step was to take out the door into the study, right, and fill the opening with a panel of building board

AFTER No room for furniture, so we chose a bold-patterned wallpaper to take away the bareness. It also covers all traces of our vanished doorway. A coat of gray deck paint gave the old tile floor a less bathroomy look. Someday we'll lay gray rubber tile

More on next page

Use color: it will make your old house look new

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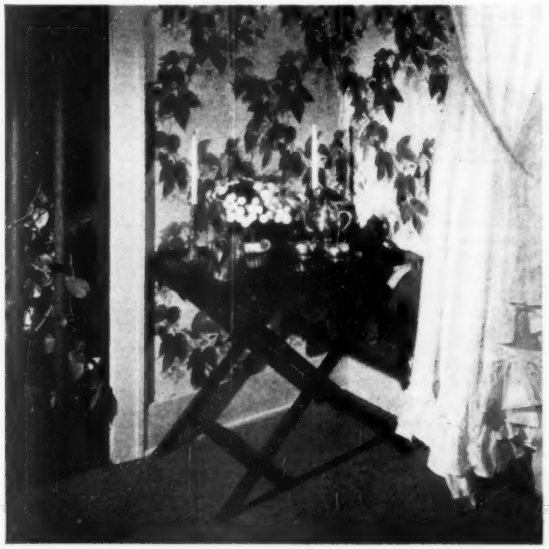
This long, blank wall in the upstairs hall seemed to defy decoration. Then we had an inspiration. We brought this shallow old console table out of the attic and painted it black to contrast with our Chinese-yellow wall. Over it we hung a group of pictures of all four children, taken when they were small. The framing job was done at home with hardware glass, green passe partout, and laundry shirtboards for backing



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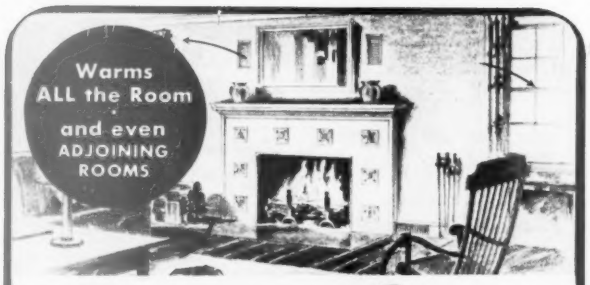

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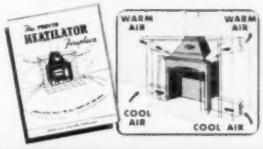

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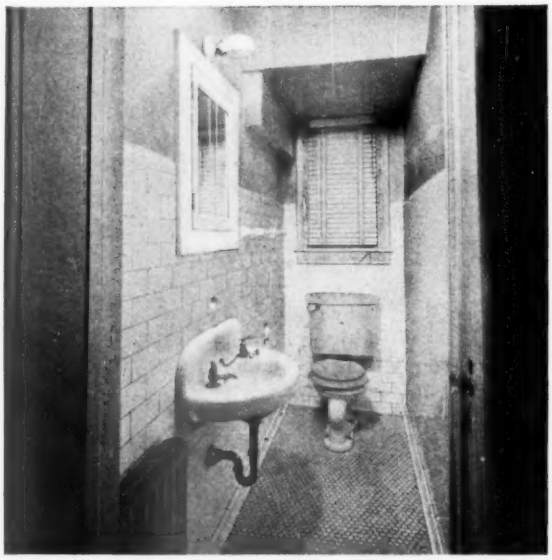

BEFORE Guest lavatory off the entrance hall had us stumped trying to figure what could be done to make it attractive. It looked like a long, narrow canyon of white tile. Tucked in under the stairway, its ceiling rose and fell, sloped and jutted discouragingly

AFTER Things started looking up when we quit taking the room seriously and decided to have some fun with it. With green-striped wallpaper we turned the sloping ceiling into an awning canopy. I cut those pink geraniums from another roll of wallpaper we had

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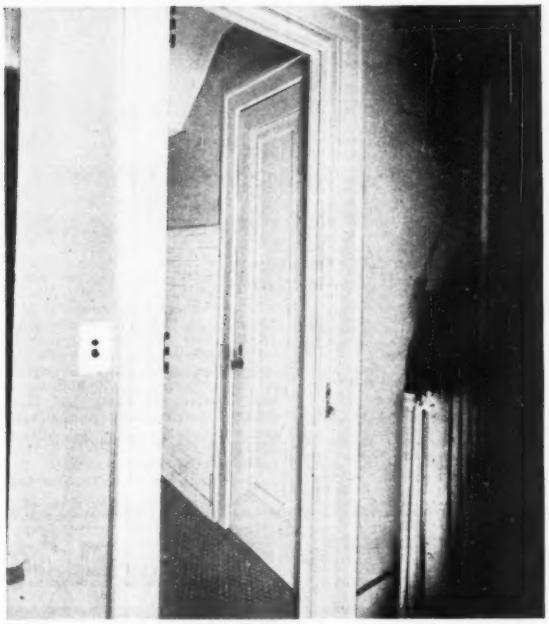

To our way of thinking, the door between the half-bath and Wes's study served no purpose yet made an ugly break in the wall. So we took it off its hinges and paneled over the opening. (For what happened on the study side, see page 208)

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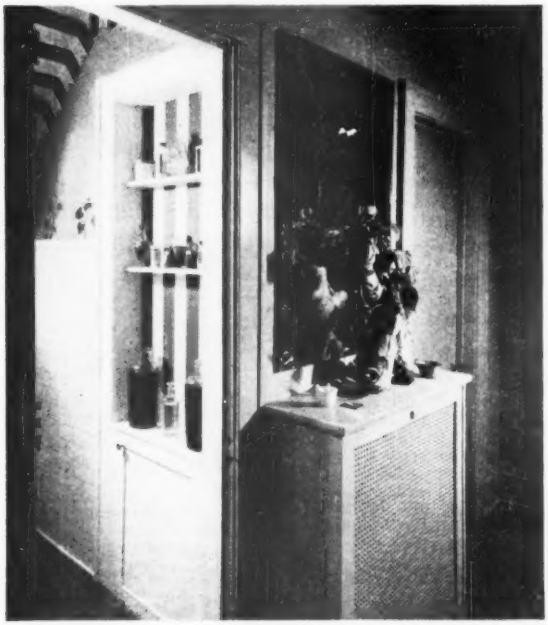

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Where to get it

Most items shown in this issue should be available in your local stores. If, however, they are not, for your store's convenience in ordering, we list the names of the companies making the items.

Sizzling steak on skewers—some treat!

Page 74. Portable barbecue cart (Broil-o-Kart) and asbestos gloves: Von Lengerke and Antoine, Chicago.
Skewers: Barker Brothers, Los Angeles.

One table you can use five ways

Page 98. West Branch Novelty Company, Milton, Pennsylvania.

Relish trays make easy salads

Page 60. Salad Carousel, Hartman egg-platter: Landau Products of California, Inc., Los Angeles.
Radish and celery bowl: Viking Glass Company, New Martinsville, West Virginia.
Trio Tray, Pottery relish dish: Winfield Pottery Co., Santa Monica, California.
Stuffed Tomato Relish Tray, Oblong glass tray: Lewis P. Weill, Philadelphia.
Nibble and Crunch Salad, Round relish dish and cucumber dish: A P E M, 1 West 56th Street, New York City.
Fruit Salad Tray, Wooden leaf tray: S. E. Overton Co., South Haven, Michigan.
Salt and peppers: Modern Living, 662 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

These kitchen tools make cooking easier

Page 84. Bean slicer: G. N. Coughlan, West Orange, New Jersey.
Fruit juicer: Tilt-Top Juice-O-Mat, Rival Manufacturing Company, Kansas City.
Grater, shredder, slicer: Detroit Metal Products, Inc., Hazel Park, Michigan.
Pronged lid: The Walker Fry-Broil Top Lid, Walker Engineering and Manufacturing Company, New York.
Fisherman's shears: Daniel's, Gabe Manufacturing Corporation, New York.
Little electric mixer: Gilbert Whirlbeater, The A. C. Gilbert Company, New Haven, Connecticut.
Fruit cutter: Robinson's, New York City, and most department stores.
Food mill: Foley Manufacturing Company, Minneapolis.
Vegetable parer: Devault Peeler, W. R. Feemster Company, Detroit.
Lazy Susan refrigerator tray: Rontanerette Company, Chicago.

Shampoos can be fun

Page 103. Shampoo board: Kidlure Products Co., 105 West Adams Street, Chicago.
Page 102. Shampoo shade: Kleinert's.
Page 103. Makeup cape: Kleinert's.

Advance showing: Draperies and spreads that match

Page 20. Girl's room, Victoria pattern; boy's room, Tournament pattern: Both made by Bates Fabrics Inc., sold by all leading department stores.

Three ways to use flower bowls

Page 50. All bowls, Haeger Pottery Company, Dundee, Illinois

How to have a bright basement

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well, and you won't end up flat on your aching back. Then plant your rock garden.

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And I'll let you in on a secret. The cost of getting what we wanted was less than the cost of those concrete window wells.

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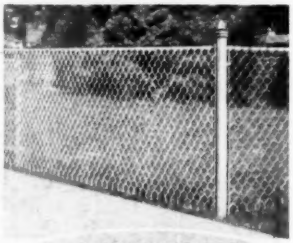

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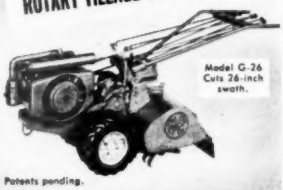

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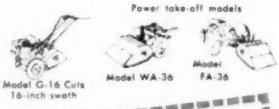

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SEPTEMBER GARDEN GUIDE

WEATHER'S on your side all this month. Chill nights have ripened most plants, making them easy to transplant. Mild fall rains and cool air keep plants from drying out. If you have any perennials that need transplanting, now is the time to transplant them. Now while you get full value from moisture and cool weather.

September is also bulb-planting time. Bulbs make the best root growth if planted now. Mix a complete plant food into the soil, but don't let the plant food actually touch the bulbs. Bulbs rot in wet places; so steer clear of such spots when planting bulbs. And experts warn that putting sand around a bulb merely makes it easier for water to collect in a pool around the bulb. If you must plant bulbs where drainage isn't good, try planting the bulbs on tops of inverted pots (*Better Homes & Gardens*, April, page 271).

Move perennials, especially fleshy-rooted kinds, as soon as possible. They need to make lots of new roots before the ground freezes. Otherwise they may be heaved out of the ground during the winter. Seedlings should be left in your coldframe for the winter.

Pacific Northwest

SEEDLING **pansies** need the protection of your coldframe durin the winter. Better move them there now. You can add cuttings of **fuchsias, geraniums,** and **penstemons** to the coldframe. They root readily and grow into plants ready for the garden by spring.

Divide your **pinks** now if you'd like to have extra plants. **Christmas roses** and **Oriental poppies** can be dug and divided as soon as their leaves turn brown. Gladioli corms are ready to be dug as soon as the leaves become yellow.

Set out **wallflowers** and **sweetwilliam** where they are to bloom next spring.

Have you spaded over your compost pile lately? Spading speeds the decomposition. Added advantage: Weed seeds get turned up to the surface and germinate there. The next time the pile is spaded over, the weeds die.

Clip your **lavender bushes, ivy,** and **periwinkle** this month to keep them in shape.

—*Ada V. Turner*

South

NEW YEAR'S comes to the Southern garden this month. We plant now for next year's garden. Better review the layout of your yard and your successes and failures of '48.

It's time, too, to begin the autumn cleanup. Remove dead plants as they are discovered, and mulch your **azaleas, camellias,** and tender **perennials.**

This is the most important **lawn-planting** month of the year in the South. It's time for starting **ryegrass** for winter lawns thruout the South, also time for starting **Kentucky bluegrass** for permanent lawns in the Middle and Upper South.

Daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, and **tulips** are the most important bulbs to plant this month. Plant them as soon as they are available. The tulip becomes more important in the South each year as we learn more about how to grow it here. Tulip bulbs must be held at 40 degrees for 90 days before planting them in the Lower South.

Cool-weather annual flowers are started from seed now in the Lower South, biennials and perennials in coldframes in the Middle South.

Better check your mums and dahlias to see that they get all the plant food and water they need. Dahlias often outgrow their stakes.

—*W. Elbridge Freeborn*

Central–East

GET in a last lick at the **weeds** this month. But don't trim **clipped hedges** this late or you may have a lot of winter injury. **Lawns** started from seed now will grow vigorously until the ground freezes. The earlier you sow the seed, the better.

Evergreens just don't grow well in wet places. Don't waste your time and money trying. **Yew** and **hemlock** thrive in shady spots, but **junipers** and **arborvitae** need lots of sunlight. **Junipers, fir,** and **spruce** can stand some wind, but hemlock, arborvitae, and **rhododendrons** must be out of the wind.

Delay **shrub** moving only until frost has caused the leaves to fall or to be easy to strip off. Shrubs that bloom in early spring should be planted *only* in the fall.

Pot up some **fuchsia, lantana, bedding begonia, browallia,** and **geraniums** from your garden for winter blooms in the house. Small **petunias, calendulas, ageratums,** and **alyssums** can be potted and brought indoors for several weeks of bloom in a sunny window.

Move some **viola** and **pansy** plants into your coldframe for blooms well into the winter. Plant a few Christmas roses in your coldframe for winter bloom. Also put a few clumps near a door or near a walk where they'll be easy to see during the winter.

—*Harvey Bicknell*

Texas–Southwest

SOW seeds of **perennials** in flats early this month. Use a soil mixture made of equal parts compost, sharp sand, and leafmold or good garden soil.

In coastal areas, plant **spider lilies** (*Hymenocallis*) before midmonth. Remember that spider lilies are rapid growers and need lots of water.

Daylilies and **iris** can be divided safely after the first soaking rain occurs. Feeding of amaryllis should stop. Watering of amaryllis should be reduced to force the bulbs to rest. **Callas** can be planted outdoors, or started in 6-inch pots. Use a light, fibrous soil—or add sand to your soil.

Roses need to be fed now if you expect a big fall bloom.

Ryegrass for your winter lawn should be sown late this month. If you are seeding ryegrass over your **Bermuda grass** for a winter lawn, sow the seeds thickly for best results.

—*Marian Price Scruggs*

California

DRY off your **tuberous begonias** now. Store the dry tubers in dry sand or vermiculite. Plant **Ranunculus** bulbs this month. Soak them overnight, then sprout them in sand or leafmold.

Cut back your **annuals** and **perennials** as soon as they become shabby. Set out new plants for winter bloom—**baby primose, Iceland poppy, calendula, stocks,** and **cinerarias.**

Divide your **polyantha primroses** now for bloom from February on. Spray your **fuchsias, hanging baskets,** and all shrubs susceptible to redspider-mite injury. Water usually does the job, but oil sprays are a good supplement.

Divide your **iris** now, if you like. Set small sections of the old clumps 18 inches apart. Don't bury them deeply . . . just so the top of the rhizomes are exposed to the sunshine.

Delay planting **tulips, narcissi,** in warm areas, or the tops will start to grow before enough roots develop.

—*Alfred C. Hottes*

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The diary of a

Heavy frost expected tonight. Maggie had picked a half of bushel of ripe tomatoes before, on her orders, I took over. Maggie scurried about garnering marigolds and roses

Sept. 1 Donald is thru with his summer-school classes at the university. I have a breathing spell when I can get away from desk work. So this month is to be devoted considerably to travel. Several necessary business trips are in prospect, not related to gardening.

I'm supposed to be on a business trip, but I manage to slip in a little garden visiting as I get about the country

So today was preparation. Among other details I wanted to get our outdoor affairs in order so I could be away. I don't expect Maggie and David to do anything beyond the absolute minimum of essentials.

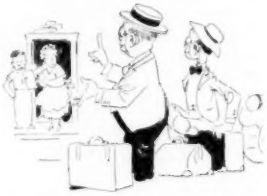
In leaving a garden to get along by itself for awhile, measures to be taken include preparations against pests, weeds, and drouth.

I gave the roses a good dusting. These roses already are well mulched with peat; so this will retain moisture and keep down the weeds. With the wheel hoe I cultivated the mum beds, the old iris bed, the new planting of iris, and the fall vegetables. If unmulched plants are left with a rather loose, coarse surface to the soil, they will get along fine and won't need any watering. This also, of course, discourages the small weeds now germinating.

Sept. 2 Up at 4 this morning and made ready. By 5:30 Donald and I were off and away in the family chariot, headed eastward. By mid-afternoon we were on the campus of Pennsylvania State College, at the town of State College, up northeast of Altoona. Here is one of the notable gardens of America.

This is an official test garden of the American Rose Society for new roses, and an official All-America trial garden for new flowers. There is also an extensive collection of standard varieties of roses. One of the country's most extensive collections of annual flowers is grown each year.

So we looked over everything. Along came Doctor Wilde, who is in charge of the garden, to howdy with us. We saw the 1949 All-America annuals, but they were under number instead of name. But it looks as if some interesting new flowers will be coming along for next year.



Lots of advice handed out to Maggie and David. Then our bags repacked, Donald and I set off for another trip

Sept. 3 Just at noon today we came to the famous rose garden at Hershey, Pennsylvania—probably the largest number of roses growing in any garden in America or perhaps the world. I would urge any garden folks driving this way to stop and see the roses. The garden is open to the public.

Then on by Weiser Park, over toward Reading, to howdy with Harry Seyler. He introduces the new hybrid daylilies originated by Doctor Stout of the New York Botanical Garden. I was pleased to find blooms still on a few of the new varieties.

plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

We hurried southward and in late afternoon stopped at West Grove to visit with Robert Pyle. He took us around to see the roses, old and new, growing here, including a large planting of Peace, which Mr. Pyle introduced in this country. Of the 1948 introductions, one of special interest Mr. Pyle showed us was Grace Moore, a long-stemmed dark red.

Sept. 4 Outward north of Philadelphia is Fordhook farm, near Doylestown. Donald and I found ourselves near here today. The folks welcomed us and showed us over the extensive trial grounds, now covered with bloom of annual flowers.

Sept. 5 Another half day of pleasant travel thru mountains and then rolling hills of New York State, and we came in early afternoon to Newark, about 35 miles east of Rochester.

Straightway we took time off to look at the new Jackson & Perkins rose garden, laid out on an expanse of ground southwest of town. This garden was laid out in excellent landscape form, was built right, and the roses growing here are really something to see.

Now, brother, if you had been gone as much as I have this month, your garden wouldn't look so hot either

Sept. 6 Out west of Rochester a few miles is the town of Cold Water. Here too is another All-America trial garden for annual flowers. While this is not arranged especially for a public display, interested gardeners are welcome. We went over the trials carefully. In addition to these, there was a notable collection of all-double petunias growing. This was the finest planting of these I have ever seen anywhere.

Sept. 7 In the Painesville-Mentor area of northeastern Ohio is one of the large nursery centers of the United States. This area is especially noted for roses and perennials. So this afternoon we visited the rose nurseries. Here we saw about every new rose currently on the market, some of next year's All-America varieties and several not yet ready for sale.

Sept. 8 Out this morning to look at perennials. Phlox was in full bloom. Early mums are out. There is still a good bit of bloom on the late daylilies, including the Leonian hybrids, and other masses of color.

Then on toward home and before dark we were back at our own domicile.

Sept. 9 Garden work was exactly the same as it was the last day I had worked the old home floral and vegetable plantation. Donald and I are to set out immediately on another trip. So I just did over again the job of getting ready—cultivating and dusting, that is. One new chore was to thin the Chinese cabbage. By the time this is full grown, each plant should stand 12 to 15 inches apart.

Sept. 10 Lots of advice was handed out to David and Maggie. Then bags repacked, Donald and I set off for another trip. But it is serious business of no relation to flowers and no time for visiting. In due time we'll show up at home again—I hope.

Sept. 14 Mebbe I had better lift the curtain a bit to let folks know that this late Sunday afternoon we arrived at Owatonna, Minnesota. No sooner were we in our room and I was ready to settle down to read a detective story, when Donald began to pester me.

He was looking in the road map and discovered that we were only a few miles from Faribault, famous nursery center. Donald insisted that we should go visit the gardens. So off we went.

We found the gardens, but it being late Sunday, nobody was around. There was a vast expanse of mums, divers parts of which were already in bloom.

Sept. 20 'Twas past 11 this Saturday night, under a bit of moon, when Donald and I came driving in home. Maybe I'm getting old. In spite of the moonlight, I hobbled in the house with nary a peek at the jolly old garden. I could see thru the opening in the bushes that it was still there.

Sept. 21 Now, brother, if you had been gone as much as I have this month, your garden wouldn't look so hot either. Sure, you'd have weeds, too, and black spot on your

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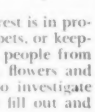

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roses. And since David has been away on a vacation trip of his own, the grass is sadly in need of cutting. Today I buckled down to the job of catch-up maintenance work.

Sept. 22 There is nothing worth writing about. It is just routine bending over with a sharpened hoe in hand. Or kneeling down with a big trowel in my fist. Or dashing around with the loaded duster.

Or standing up and wiping off the sweat while I watch Maggie filling up her basket with marigolds and zinnias and rose blooms and what not for the vases and bowls inside. No news in all this. But it's life and work for me.

Sept. 27 "Land sakes—the clothesline is still up." This was Maggie's first exclamatory remark when she stepped into our back yard. Which discloses that I've been off again, in a still different direction on business, and Maggie had gone along this time for her vacation.

When we had left, in our haste we had forgotten to take that line down. And Messrs. Donald and David would never think of a trivial household detail like that. If it were left to them, it would still be there come Christmas. And all the dishes in the cupboard now dirty in the sink.

There had been a frost the morning we had left. As I walked around the plantation now, I could see that it had damaged things only slightly. There is still plenty of bloom, and tomatoes—thank goodness—are untouched. Beans are plentiful on the bushes.

Sept. 29 Our local iris society met tonight. It developed that I was due to chauffeur Maggie to the meeting. Most pleasant it proved to be, for it was visitors' night. In addition to the faithful souls who meet regularly to pay tribute to iris, divers other flower friends of the community were there.

Sept. 30 Tonight there will be heavy frost. Mebbe a freeze.

So when I bundled up a bit to make my garden regalia somewhat warmer and hied out, I found Maggie already there. She had picked a half bushel of ripe tomatoes. On orders. I took over here. Picked the rest of ripe tomatoes and part of the green ones of larger size. Maggie scurried about with scissors and baskets, garnering blooms of marigolds and roses to lug in the house. We don't need to worry about the mums. The season has been so slow that not many plants are in bloom yet. The green tomatoes will be spread out in flats in the tool shed, where they will ripen. Picked the rest of the

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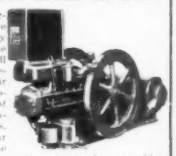

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These aren't all the items—but anyone can get what I mean. You can't be a gadabout and have things spic and span at home, too. Not unless you are rich enough to hire somebody to do the chores while you travel. Which I am not.

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Where to plant: Choose spots with reasonably good soil—neither pure clay nor pure sand—where no water will stand and where there'll be no one tramping. Tho they'll bloom on less, put your bulbs where they'll get direct sun for at least half the day. Keep your bulbs at least 6 inches out from the house foundation. Unless you prefer formal beds, plant your bulbs in clumps of five and more of each kind and set each clump against a background of some sort for better display.

How to protect bulbs against rodents: Crocuses are considered delicacies by chipmunks and shrew moles. Tulips are favorites of field and meadow mice. Daffodils and the other bulbs usually aren't bothered by rodents.

Plant your tulips and crocuses inside "baskets" made of wire mesh. Half-inch mesh hardware cloth is best. Merely bend the wire into basket shape, put the bulbs inside, then fill around them with soil. Fold the top of the wire sides toward the center to make a lid for the basket. Cover the whole affair with soil to the usual ground level. Added advantage: Your bulbs will be easy to find and insured against accidental cuts when you dig them.

Where there aren't enough rodents to bother with wire baskets, you can coat your bulbs with a commercial anti-rodent dust before planting them.

How to tell which end is top: ↓

How deep to plant: ↑

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scilla snowdrop
tulip
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daffodil

bulb money

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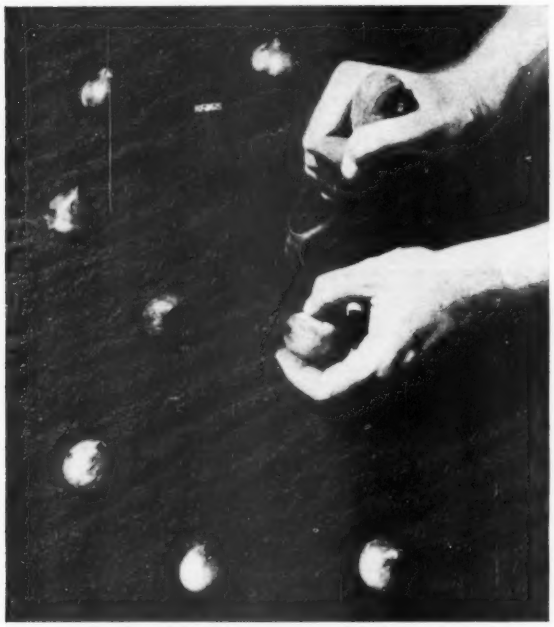
Prepare your soil thoroly and fully 8 inches deep, then space the bulbs as you want them, usually 5 inches apart and in an oval or a figure 8 pattern, as here. Put a stake inside the oval or arrange some other defense or marker against accidental tramping or digging them



Plant one bulb at a time. Stab your trowel straight down its full depth where the first bulb lay. Pull the blade back to widen the opening. You'll soon gain the skill that makes this an easy 1, 2, 3 operation

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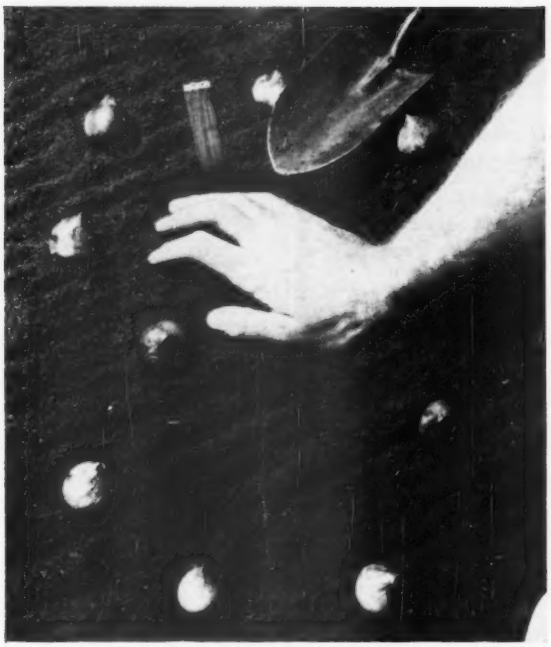

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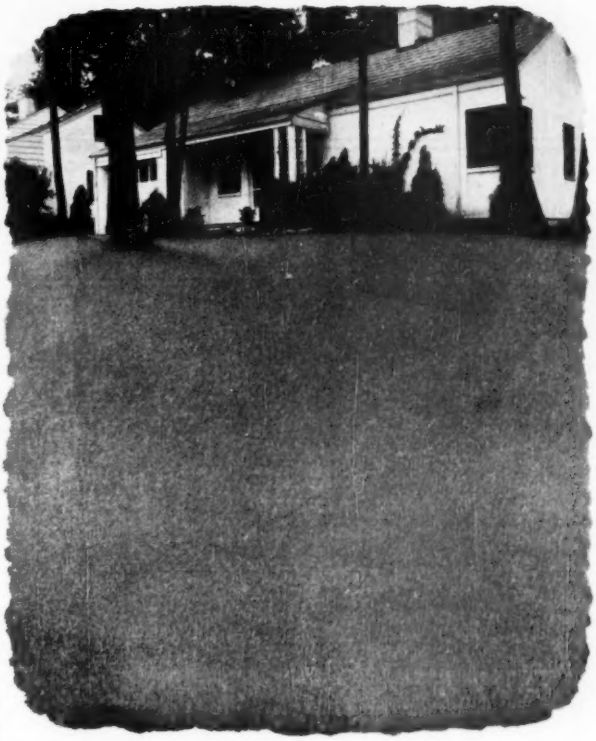

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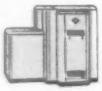

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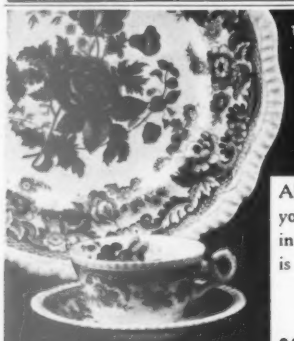

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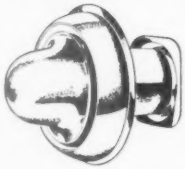

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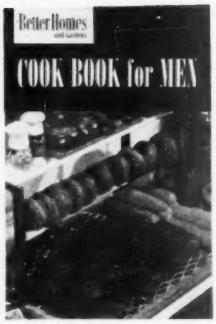

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Who can say where living room ends and dining room begins? Living and dining furniture is so well arranged it seems to belong together. The

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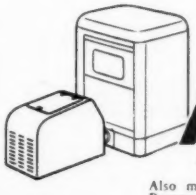

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Have you painted with a spray gun?

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How to mask

WHEN you paint indoors with a spray gun, take time to do a good job of masking before you ever turn on the motor. If you do, you'll save a lot of time you would otherwise spend cleaning up, because the fine spray will drift all around the room.

Pictured below are three masking ideas to help you do the job without having a major cleanup job on your hands when you are done painting.

Light fixtures can be masked with a paper bag, cut down to size. Seal the bag in place with a piece of masking tape, being careful not to cover any of the wall to be painted

Remove the face plate from wall switches, then seal up the opening with several strips of masking tape to protect the switch handle and the exposed wiring from the spray

Here, a bathtub and the floor are being protected from the drifting spray. Masking is done with old newspapers held with masking tape. Loose newspapers will blow around

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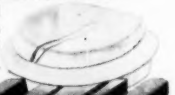

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Remove the tip and wipe it free of finish, then replace it, oil the needle valve lightly, and disconnect the gun from the hose.

Now run the compressor again, blowing moisture and oil out of hose and moisture trap. Keep the compressor lubricated according to the manufacturer's directions. If the outfit has been used long indoors, see that compressor air intakes and air strainers are clean.

When you store the outfit, coil the hose loosely and keep it free from oil and grease. Cover the kit with a cloth or cardboard box to keep it dust-free and dry.

Is an only child behind the 8 ball?

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Thus, answering the questions with which she had started, "Are only children different?" Miss Dyer had to answer, *very little.*

IT IS possible that only children are, as often charged, "below average in health and vitality"? Well, at the University of Oregon, Psychologist Albert C. Campbell found no differences of any consequence between the physical and health ratings of 200 undergraduates, half only children, half nononly. Similarly at Bucknell, Miss Dyer's 100 coeds who were only children made approximately as good a showing in the health area as the 100 with brothers and sisters.

WHAT, then, about the belief that only children are less intelligent, don't do as well in school? Doctor Fenton, when he was at Ohio State, looked up the intelligence quotients of a group of only children and compared them with those of a group of unselected students. He found the only children to have a somewhat superior average intelligence. At Oregon, Professor Campbell made a similar inquiry and reported that "No differentiation may be drawn in scholarship between only children and others." Miss Dyer, totaling up and averaging the grade points earned by her two groups of girls at Bucknell, found them to be identical!

Now our look-see at these vari-

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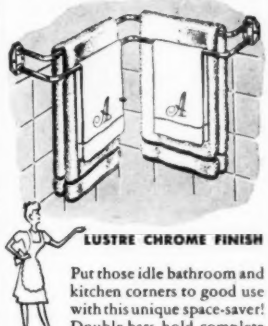

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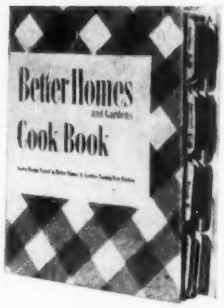

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Is an only child behind the 8 ball?

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ous studies has been necessarily sketchy. But the direction of their conclusions is clear, and William Carter in his massive work, *The Only Child in the Family*, has summed them up in one sentence: "*No significant differences were found between only children and others on nearly all tests in regard to emotional stability, neurotic tendencies, physical development, scholarship, and several personality traits.*"

THIS, to say the least, renders the traditional only-child fallacy considerably less convincing. Why then, outside of the fact that popular errors die hard, has the opinion persisted? One reason must be that it is so convenient to use the only-child status to explain any and everything. If Johnnie is a brat, it is easy to say, "Well, no wonder, poor kid, he's an only child," and let the diagnosis go at that.

Willie may be just as bad, but since he is one of a mob of brothers and sisters, the only-child theory can't apply. Some other explanation must be found. One is that the baby of a big family can be as badly spoiled as an only child.

The only child has no corner on getting into trouble. A bad neighborhood can do damage to a child which no number of brothers and sisters can offset. A child may live in a house bursting at the joints with older children, but packed also with strife and marital unhappiness.

And, a large family can generate plenty of problem situations, itself—problems of parental neglect, problems of competition, favoritism, and jealousy.

NO ONE would deny that there are hazards to being an only child. But it is only one of many influences that can shape a child. It is a mistake to explain human beings in generalities on the basis of any single factor.

Parents of only girls have more reason to be careful. Professor Campbell found evidence in his study at the University of Oregon that "it is somewhat more advantageous for a girl to be raised . . . with other children than for a boy." Parents of an only daughter are tempted to be "unusually zealous in coddling and protecting their child."

While such admonitions as the above may be addressed to the parents of only children, they could well be taken to heart by all parents.

BEING an only child is not so special a case as supposed and is not of itself a calamity. It is one of many situations in which a youngster may find himself. It has its risks. But they should not be exaggerated to the point of caricature. No child should go thru life regarded by others as a nut and suspecting himself of being a freak. It is absolutely no fair!

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Compulsory insurance—Yes

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operation. Under voluntary health insurance we have hundreds of different plans. Each requires its own elaborate system of collection and payment.

It is more efficient. A single, nationwide system could be operated more effectively than hundreds of scattered programs. Opponents talk about "hordes of government bureaucrats." Actually, a federal system should require far fewer personnel than the many voluntary plans, each operating its own system. Again, as any insurance man knows, the more people included in an insurance system, the lower the over-all costs. And the greater the benefits to you.

It stresses health instead of sickness. National health insurance emphasizes preservation of health rather than the treatment of sickness. This is in line with modern principles of preventive medicine. The comprehensive medical benefits, including periodic physical checkups, give the doctor a chance to keep you in good health. He can check the insidious progress of chronic disease by catching illness in its early stage. If your doctor chooses to be paid by the panel or salary methods, he has a real stake in preserving your health. His income under the present fee-for-service system depends on your being sick.

THOSE who oppose the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill make much of the fact that some 30 million Americans are now covered by some form of private health insurance. They overlook the significant point that most of the 30 million are covered only by *hospitalization* insurance. In other words, most of these plans reach you only when you are sick enough to go to the hospital. Only a small minority of the 30 million are covered by real medical-care programs that permit them to see a doctor before they're seriously ill.

It will help solve medical shortages. You hear the argument that national health insurance would not, in itself, solve the present shortages of doctors, nurses, and hospitals. This argument ignores the fact that the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill specifically provides for federal grants to medical and other professional schools. These grants are to help train doctors and nurses to fill the gaps, especially in rural areas. The bill also provides federal aid to build and expand hospitals and health clinics. All this cannot be accomplished overnight, to be sure. But a nationwide health system would permit a co-ordinated attack on health and medical shortages. Such an attack would be difficult, if not impossible, if we left it to hundreds of scattered health-insurance plans.

It assures better care without added cost. A national health-insurance system would make possible a higher quality of medical care by establishing minimum standards country-wide. It would encourage doctors to modernize their service thru such devices as group practice. To meet its guarantees, the health system would have to bring medical facilities to areas now short of them. The insurance system adds nothing to our present medical bill. If yours is an average family, you already pay 3 to 5 percent of your income for medical and hospital services. The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill calls for a 3-percent tax on earnings up to $3,600 a year. Half of this would be paid by employers in the case of those who work for wages or salaries.

It properly makes health security a government responsibility. Some people seem to have a morbid fear of government. They utter hysterical alarms against "government interference" in health and medical fields. They forget that the "government" is we, the people. It's not some outside monster imposing its will on us.

Abraham Lincoln put the case simply and well when he said: "The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all, or cannot do so well, for themselves, in their separate and individual capacities."

Angry objections are raised against the "compulsory" feature of the national health-insurance plan. Actually, the only compulsion lies in the payments which the law requires insured persons and their employers to make. *There is no compulsion whatever on the medical profession.*

YOU are free to choose your own family doctor, specialist, or hospital. A doctor is free to enter the system or stay out, to choose his own method of payment, to accept or reject a patient. He can treat you any way he thinks best, provided it meets minimum professional standards.

Our great elder statesman, Bernard Baruch, is one person who isn't worried about the "compulsion" bogey. He reminded a distinguished medical audience recently that "All laws compel."

Compulsory is indeed a harsh and unpleasant word. But we are all compelled to pay income taxes. Industrial workers are compelled to pay social security taxes. We are compelled to observe traffic laws. We are compelled to contribute to the support of public schools and to send our children to school until they reach a certain age. There is nothing undemocratic about compulsory laws as long as they are democratically enacted and democratically applied. If we can be compelled to pay for military security and for social security, we can be democratically compelled to pay for health security. It won't endanger any American principles.

Another reason I'm for national health insurance is that *it provides health as a paid-for right, not as a charity.* Some people favor a system of federal grants to states. These grants would provide medical services for people who cannot afford to pay for them. Such a plan is embodied in the National

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Health Bill (S.545). Sponsored by Senator Taft, this plan is based on the charity principle. It offers aid only to the medically indigent and then only after they pass a test to prove they can't afford to pay. Millions of Americans, most of them self-supporting save for inability to pay for medical care, would have to undergo this humiliating experience. For my money, the insurance principle is more in harmony with the American spirit than the charity principle.

A national health-insurance program is no panacea, no cure-all. Many health problems will remain even after it is adopted. But national health insurance is better, much better, than other systems of distributing medical care now in effect or proposed for the future. I believe it is good for the American people, that it is a logical step in the evolution of American medicine, and that it should be judged on its merits and not on misleading bogey words.

The American people want health insurance, as many public opinion polls have shown. A national health-insurance system is your best buy.

Curtain magic

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Parker

Interesting diagonal panes are accented by this diamond curtain print, and made more important by displaying bits of glassware and pottery on shelves bracketed to the window frames. Both the lower curtain and top ruffle (which is set above the windows to add height) extend across all three windows and tie them together into a single unit. Rickrack trim picks up one of the bright colors in the print, and covers the line of hemstitching. Paul Granard, decorator.

When you make simple cottage curtains, cut panels twice the width of your window to allow for plenty of fullness. Leave a perky one-inch heading above the curtain rod slot, and hem the panel three inches from the bottom. If the material is likely to shrink, make a good turn-under before you hem your curtains. Then when you wash them for the first time, take out the hem before laundering and restitch it after the curtains have been cleaned and pressed. Trim with cotton braid, rickrack, or ruffling.

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Other tricks also help passers-by remember your house. You can paint the pots with bright enamel to match your shutters. Or you can use white enamel to make red blooms more firey. A shiny black is good for pots near a white wall.

Shift a new plant into your show spot when the old display turns dowdy. Keep a supply of potted plants growing to blooming size in a sunny spot in your yard. Use big pots and bury them to rim depth to keep them from drying out fast.

After you've moved them to the display place, the pots can be submerged weekly in a bucket of water for 15 to 20 minutes. The water should cover the top of the pot.

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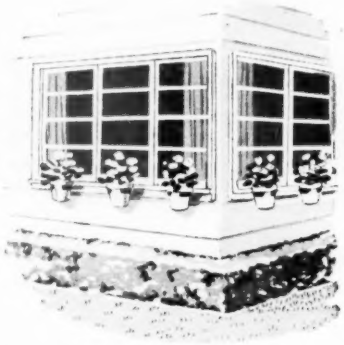

Potted plants in brackets (right) or in pot boards at your windows add a friendly touch to your house. Pots slip into place easily, can't blow over. You can fill the pots with evergreen branches for winter color

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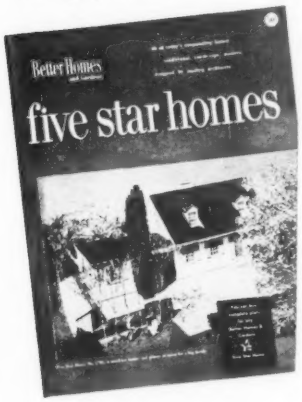

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Beat egg white until foamy; add 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, and continue beating until mixture stands in soft peaks. Add hot Tapioca mixture, stirring constantly. Add vanilla. Cool, stirring after 15 to 20 minutes. Add peanuts. Serve with butterscotch sauce and additional peanuts. Makes 4 or 5 extra-special portions of oh-so-elegant Tapioca dessert!

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Stuffed Potatoes

6 baked potatoes
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
2 to 3 tablespoons hot milk
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup finely diced cooked ham
1 cup grated American cheese

Cut slice from top of baked potatoes. Scoop out centers; mash, add butter, hot milk, and seasonings. Beat until fluffy. Add ham and cheese; mix well. Pile lightly into shells and place in oven or broiler to brown lightly and melt cheese. Serves 6.

Stuffed Avocados

3 avocados
¼ cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
1 6½-ounce can (1 cup) crab meat, flaked
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup chili sauce

Peel avocados; cut in half lengthwise. Sprinkle with lemon juice and salt. Fill with flaked crab meat. Blend mayonnaise and chili sauce. Drizzle over top. Serves 6.

Stuffed Mushrooms

12 large mushrooms
3 tablespoons finely diced onion
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
½ cup soft bread crumbs
½ cup chopped California walnuts
1 tablespoon chili sauce
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 strips bacon, diced
½ cup light cream or top milk

Remove stems from mushrooms and chop. Cook chopped stems and onions in butter over low heat until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients except bacon and cream. Stuff mushroom caps and place in shallow baking pan. Top each with diced bacon and add cream to pan. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 35 minutes. Arrange on serving platter with meat. Serves 6.

Stuffed Cabbage Bundles

1 medium-sized head cabbage
½ pound ground beef
½ pound ground pork
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons chili sauce
¼ cup minced onion
1 beaten egg
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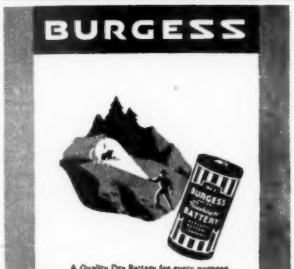

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Stuffed Acorn Squash

6 acorn squash
1½ pounds bulk sausage

Wash acorn squash; cut in half crosswise for scalloped effect. Bake cut side down in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Brown little sausage balls. If necessary, pour off excess fat. Turn squash; add sausage balls. Continue baking 30 minutes, or until tender.

Stuffed Tomatoes

6 medium tomatoes
1 teaspoon salt
1 6½-ounce can (1 cup) tuna, flaked
½ cup diced cucumber
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped sweet pickle
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced or quartered
¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon black pepper
3 to 4 tablespoons lemon juice

Scald tomatoes 1 minute in boiling water, or turn over heat to loosen skin. Peel. Scoop out part of center of each tomato. Sprinkle with salt; turn upside down to chill. Combine tuna, cucumber, celery, pickle, eggs, and seasoning. Sprinkle with lemon juice and moisten with mayonnaise. Chill. Fill tomato cups. Serve in crisp lettuce cups. Serves 6.

Stuffed Peppers

8 green peppers
1 small onion, chopped
1 pound ground beef
2 tablespoons fat
4 medium-sized tomatoes, chopped (2 cups)
1½ cups cut, fresh corn (3 to 4 ears)
Salt and pepper
Buttered crumbs

Cut tops from green peppers; remove seeds. Precook peppers 5 minutes in boiling water; invert to drain. Brown onion and beef in hot fat; add tomatoes, corn, and seasoning. Stuff peppers with this mixture and top with buttered crumbs. Place each stuffed pepper in greased muffin pan containing 1 tablespoon hot water, or stand stuffed peppers in greased baking dish; add hot water to depth of ½ inch. Bake uncovered in moderately slow oven (325°) 1 hour.

Stuffed Eggplant

1 large eggplant
½ cup diced onion
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
1 6-ounce can broiled mushrooms, drained
1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 slightly beaten egg
1 cup milk
½ cup buttered bread crumbs

Cut eggplant in half lengthwise; remove centers, leaving shells ½ inch thick. Dice removed center portion. Cook diced eggplant and onion in butter until tender, about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, except buttered crumbs, and heat. Fill eggplant shells; top with buttered crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1¼ hours. Serves 5 to 6.

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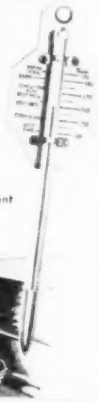

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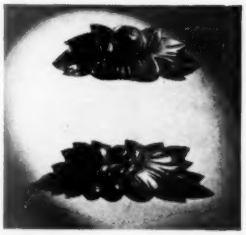

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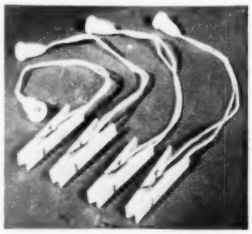

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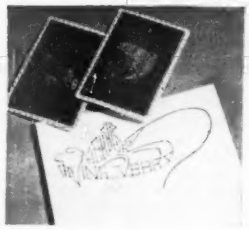

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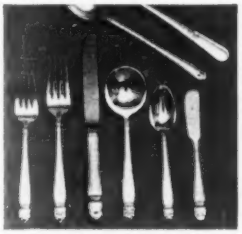

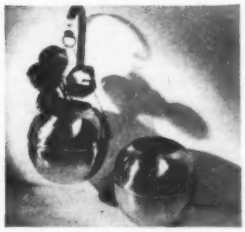

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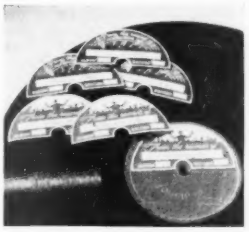

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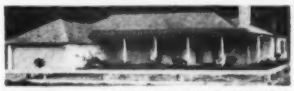

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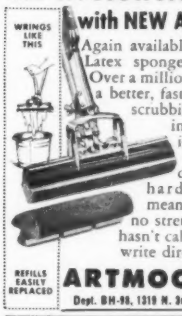

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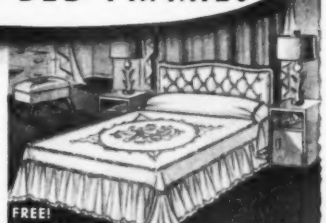

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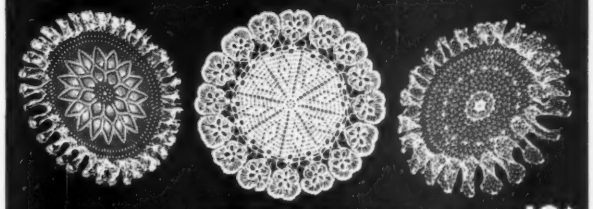

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THE MAN NEXT DOOR

As I shuffle thru the summer vacation's snapshots, it seems to me I wore myself out pursuing the family with a camera. When I ask 'em to pose they all act like a starlet working overtime when she's late for a date with Clark Gable.

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I deny my daughter's accusation that I deliberately broke her noisiest boogie record. (Of course, I may have set it down a trifle emphatically.)

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"We were arguing at the bridge table about Professor Kinsey's book on sex," says Les Gowan, untangling some grass from his lawn mower.

"I detected that nobody knew a thing about sex that he hadn't read in some book."

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Fathers and mothers in our little circle agree that their children don't learn as much in school as we did in our childhood. But also they concede that the young know much more today that we did at their age.

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Definite sign of middle age: When a man puts up his ladder to inspect his roof and chimney, and then decides to use a pair of field glasses instead.

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So far none of the singing commercials on the radio has made the hit parade. But I expect 'em on phonograph records any day now, as a relief from boogie and be-bop.

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An open-minded father is one who can conceal his disbelief when he learns that his child's behavior in school is slightly diabolical.

⬆ One of my neighbors boasts that his hobby is cooking. He can make mediocre scrambled eggs and leave the kitchen looking like half-past two on Thanksgiving day.

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My friend across the street argues that modern courtship is too accidental. His future son-in-law got a $10 raise the same day his daughter (who works in the same office) wore a tight-fitting sweater. Now they're married and quite happy, too.

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When a husband is young and vigorous he insists that his clean shirts be folded and put in his second dresser drawer. By the time he's a milder 35 he's content if his wife'll drape 'em on a hanger in his closet.

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The plumpest matron in our block is after her husband to install a powder room on the first floor.

"I can't climb stairs so well any more," she says.

He can't find a logical corner for it, tho. Right now he's ruminating about a folding contraption like they use in a Pullman compartment.

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"There ain't no justice!" snorts Phyllis Gowan, who uses "ain't" when she's peeved.

"A man paints some purple triangles and yellow circles on a piece of canvas and he's an artist! But a woman fills a 10-room house with enchantment and remains a housewife!"

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Another reason why modern parents ➡ go slightly neurotic: They can't pick up the paper for a look at the news without a guilty feeling that they're interfering with their children's study of the comics.

I can't understand why my family think it's so funny when I can't find my keys or my reading glasses. Especially since they almost always turn up in the pocket of my coat or my bathrobe.

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In my twentieth year of married life I'm thoroly convinced it doesn't pay to buy cheap things. An extra $50 for a better davenport, for example, comes to only 2 cents a week if it lasts you a lifetime.

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A man really doesn't care how skillfully his wife's cooking disguises the food, provided it still tastes like meat and potatoes.

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A tidy man can't condone the ungodly clutter in the catchall drawer in the kitchen, everything from twine to rubber gloves. Unless he remembers the mess in his tool chest or the clutter in the top drawer of his own dresser.

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A few furniture stores seem to specialize in overly overstuffed furniture. Some customers fall for it, too, as if affluence and comfort could be bought by the ton. Oversized furniture can make a small living room look like an alcove.

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Family moments you'd like to immortalize in color movies and talkie tape: . . . When your youngest sidles downstairs wide-eyed in pajamas for a peep at company. . . . When your daughter retrieves her first corsage from the refrigerator to pin on her first low-cut dancing dress. . . . When your beloved wife argues that there's something subtly attractive about your homely face. . . . When you find yourself alone with your wife on a trip, in Pullman or hotel, with no possible interruptions for a few days. . . . When the family gathers in the living room for a minute before dinner as if it were the center of the whole world. . . . When the voices of your dear ones come over clear and sweet by long distance when you're far from home.

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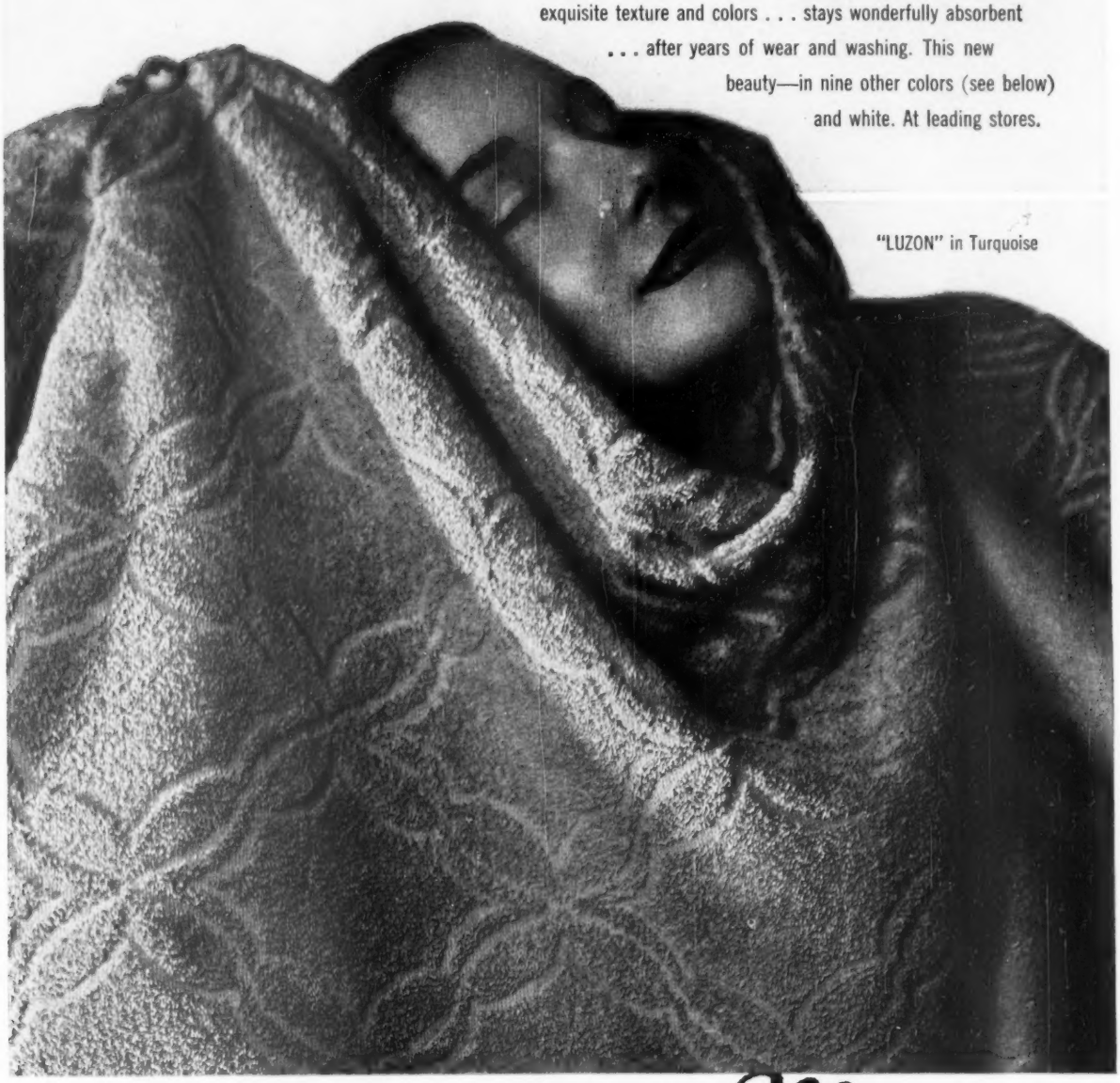

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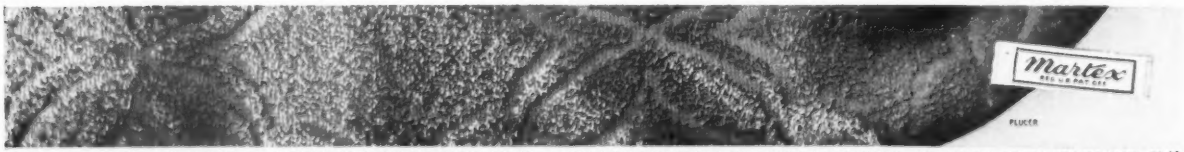

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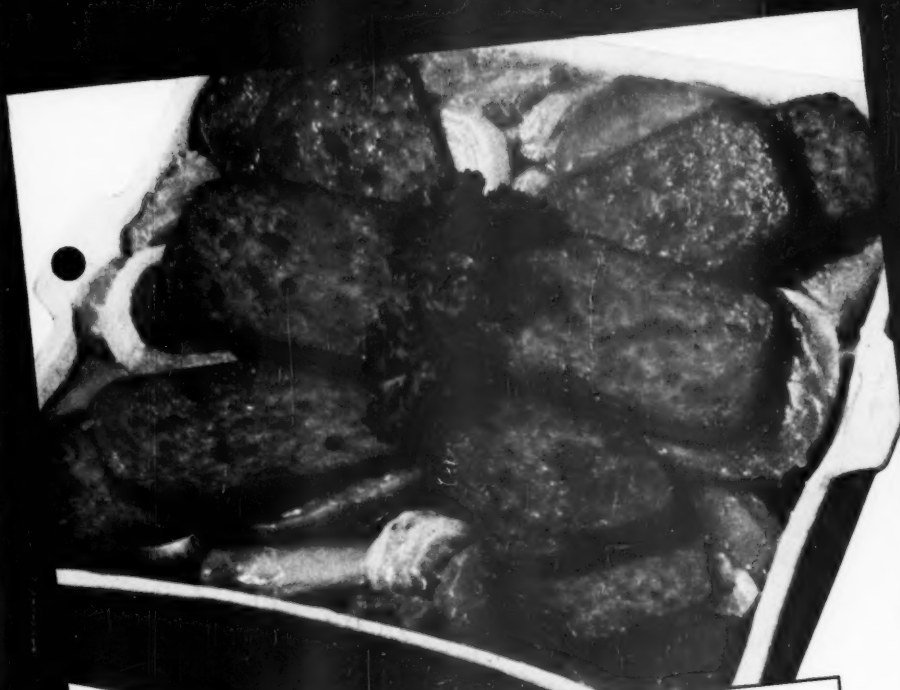

Spam

1 can SPAM, sliced
6 medium-sized yams or sweet potatoes, boiled and sliced
1 large onion, sliced
⅔ cup fruit juice, apple or pineapple
1 tsp. ground cloves
3 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tbsp. butter

Spam 'n' Yams

In bottom of greased 2-qt. casserole, arrange layer of sliced potatoes and onion. Sprinkle with half the cloves, brown sugar and dot with half the butter. Repeat layer. Arrange SPAM slices on top and pour fruit juice over all. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 30 minutes or until heated through. Serves 6.

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